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Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1982 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE JUMPS

Employment in Texas suffered a severe blow in September as the State's actual unemployment rate charged from 7.0 percent at mid-August to 8.0 percent at mid-September. The increase occurred over a period which historically has seen the unemployment rate decline as students and other seasonal jobseekers leave the labor force in August and teachers and other school employees return to work in September. This year, however, a jump in the number of individuals on layoff fueled the surge in Statewide unemployment. Manufacturing industries were responsible for most of the cutbacks as many durable goods industries continued a downward shift in employment.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1982	Aug. 1982	Sep. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,546.0	111,887.0	108,273.0
Unemployment	10,695.0	10,710.0	7,884.0
Percent Unemployed	9.7	9.6	7.3
Total Employment	99,851.0	101,177.0	100,389.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,980.0	110,644.0	108,494.0
Unemployment	11,260.0	10,805.0	8,236.0
Percent Unemployed	10.1	9.8	7.6
Total Employment	99,720.0	99,839.0	100,258.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,311.4	7,373.7	7,140.4
Unemployment	587.4	518.6	384.2
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.0	5.4
Total Employment	6,724.0	6,855.1	6,756.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,314.0	7,358.0	7,123.0
Unemployment	611.0	491.0	389.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	6.7	5.5
Total Employment	6,703.0	6,867.0	6,734.0

Total unemployment rose 68,800 over the month, a gain of 13.3 percent in the number of jobless persons. September marked the fourth consecutive month that over half a million Texans were without work, an unprecedented span of high unemployment for the State. The actual unemployment rate of 8.0 percent for September is the highest in the current series, which goes back to 1970. It surpassed the previous high of 7.7 percent set in June of this year. As unemployment was climbing, total employment was decreasing by 131,100 workers. The decline in employment amounted to a 1.9 percent drop in the number of employed persons in the State.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was 8.4 percent in September. The 8.4 percent rate is the highest in the current seasonally adjusted series, surpassing the previous high of 7.0 percent reached in June and July of this year. The actual rate for the Nation in September was 9.7 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 10.1 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RECORDS DECREASE

A moderate decline was registered in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment from August to September as several industrial categories experienced losses. Manufacturing industries were the hardest hit as they continued a downward trend of several months' duration. The nonmanufacturing industries posted a modest gain as a whole, but five of the seven major industry groups reported declines over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,800	58,250	60,600	80,300	78,000	77,250	257,850	253,100	260,600
Manufacturing	6,300	6,350	6,600	9,950	9,850	10,200	33,250	33,300	33,250
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,300	2,900	2,900	2,650	850	800	800
Construction	3,150	3,200	3,350	5,150	5,450	4,800	12,600	12,800	14,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,150	3,150	3,200	7,050	7,050	6,950	7,850	7,900	8,000
Trade	15,350	15,500	16,800	24,550	23,550	22,800	55,250	54,550	57,150
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	2,850	4,150	4,150	4,000	16,250	16,250	15,550
Services & Misc.	13,150	12,750	13,300	14,350	13,950	13,550	51,600	50,200	49,400
Government	9,400	8,900	9,200	12,200	11,100	12,300	80,200	77,300	81,750
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,550	142,350	156,950	60,450	62,400	65,050	42,600	40,550	41,550
Manufacturing	36,950	34,250	43,350	9,350	9,950	11,750	3,050	3,000	3,250
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,350	150	150	150	1,150	1,300	1,250
Construction	12,250	12,400	15,150	3,850	4,000	4,450	2,850	3,100	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,900	11,450	3,050	3,350	3,450	1,850	1,900	1,700
Trade	32,500	32,800	34,300	17,650	18,750	18,700	7,900	7,800	8,250
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,650	5,650	5,700	3,050	3,050	3,000	1,650	1,650	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,900	25,150	25,650	9,850	9,950	9,650	5,900	5,650	5,650
Government	19,700	18,000	19,000	13,500	13,200	13,900	18,250	16,150	17,150
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	131,100	132,650	133,550	1,555.8	1,547.4	1,528.3	160,450	161,650	168,350
Manufacturing	15,700	15,800	16,950	312.1	314.5	332.0	33,650	33,900	40,250
Mining	7,700	7,850	8,400	33.4	33.3	31.0	--	--	--
Construction	14,650	14,600	14,700	83.8	85.5	81.1	8,250	8,050	8,550
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,000	7,250	7,250	96.7	96.8	98.9	10,550	10,650	10,500
Trade	29,900	30,650	31,850	420.9	419.4	404.1	37,650	38,350	39,650
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,050	6,150	5,900	120.7	121.2	115.1	7,900	7,950	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,050	23,550	21,900	306.4	304.3	283.8	25,650	25,700	26,850
Government	27,050	26,800	26,600	181.8	172.4	182.3	36,800	37,050	34,850
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,900	71,200	71,100	1,537.7	1,542.6	1,569.8	59,950	60,000	58,450
Manufacturing	11,750	11,750	12,250	244.6	248.4	265.6	7,650	7,850	8,300
Mining	800	800	850	94.7	95.3	103.3	--	--	--
Construction	4,350	4,550	5,050	140.1	142.9	151.3	3,650	3,750	3,450
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,700	6,700	6,900	106.2	107.0	109.2	3,400	3,400	3,400
Trade	13,250	13,650	13,800	372.6	372.6	376.8	12,900	13,100	13,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,650	4,700	4,550	98.2	99.1	92.8	2,150	2,200	2,150
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,400	10,650	312.4	312.2	305.8	11,300	11,250	10,600
Government	19,400	18,650	17,050	168.9	165.1	165.0	18,900	18,450	17,450

[2] In thousands.

A drop of 11,500 jobs was posted by the industries in manufacturing from August to September. These same industries have lost 94,500 jobs over the last year. The durable goods sector has been responsible for most of the decline over the year and all of the decline over the last month. Losses were heaviest in the durable goods industries of primary metals and nonelectrical machinery. It is an old story, but primary metal industries and nonelectrical machinery continue to be rocked by sizeable layoffs, and until oil field production picks up substantially the outlook is rather bleak.

Fabricated metal products sustained sizeable over-the-month losses with declines in fabricated structural metal products and ordnance and accessories. Electric and electronic equipment also reported a loss as communication equipment was the only portion of the industry to register a gain. Almost all of the remaining industries in the durable goods sector were down.

Nondurable goods fared better, posting a moderate gain over the month. The gain, however, was the result of the settlement of a labor-management dispute in petroleum refining and was not directly due to any gain in business activity. Actually, the remainder of the durable goods sector showed very little movement in employment. Food and kindred

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Industry	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,250	32,500	34,950	65,200	66,250	68,750	90,400	88,900	90,250
Manufacturing	1,750	1,750	2,250	16,550	16,900	19,300	11,100	11,200	12,150
Mining	1,300	1,350	1,600	4,500	4,550	4,800	400	400	400
Construction	1,300	1,550	1,400	4,100	4,250	4,350	4,950	4,850	3,950
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,500	4,000	3,600	3,700	3,850	4,800	4,650	4,900
Trade	9,150	10,650	12,200	15,000	15,450	15,400	27,800	27,900	27,050
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,450	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,150	5,100	4,950
Services & Misc.	4,950	5,100	4,900	10,950	11,100	10,700	16,150	16,100	17,250
Government	7,300	7,150	7,300	7,900	7,700	7,900	20,050	18,700	19,600
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	71,000	71,750	74,450	50,600	50,450	50,850	54,650	54,550	59,250
Manufacturing	8,000	7,950	9,950	3,950	4,000	5,000	7,300	7,550	9,050
Mining	1,500	1,600	1,750	13,600	13,550	13,550	7,550	7,700	9,550
Construction	4,900	5,250	5,200	3,850	4,000	3,450	5,700	5,500	4,550
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,750	2,800	2,700	2,950	3,000	2,800	2,600	2,600	2,750
Trade	21,250	22,750	22,850	10,800	10,600	11,350	14,950	14,950	16,850
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,050	2,650	3,250	3,250	2,700	2,150	2,150	1,950
Services & Misc.	9,150	9,250	9,450	7,750	8,050	7,450	7,700	7,600	8,050
Government	20,450	19,100	19,900	4,450	4,000	4,550	6,700	6,500	6,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,050	36,800	37,100	411,750	406,800	411,950	35,800	35,400	37,250
Manufacturing	5,850	5,900	6,050	48,900	48,800	52,700	11,800	11,350	12,950
Mining	600	700	850	3,500	3,600	3,250	350	350	350
Construction	2,200	2,250	2,250	27,500	27,750	27,100	1,250	1,250	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,850	3,850	3,700	18,900	19,100	19,300	2,550	2,550	2,500
Trade	9,200	9,050	9,300	103,900	103,400	104,100	7,250	7,300	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,550	1,550	1,500	28,300	28,250	27,300	1,250	1,250	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,650	7,700	7,150	85,950	85,600	84,450	6,250	6,250	6,300
Government	6,150	5,800	6,300	94,800	90,300	93,750	5,100	5,100	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	44,550	44,700	44,200	53,250	53,250	57,400	69,000	68,000	72,150
Manufacturing	8,450	8,500	8,500	11,250	11,300	13,650	14,500	14,700	16,750
Mining	100	150	150	3,100	3,150	3,900	--	--	--
Construction	1,900	1,850	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,850	2,950	2,950	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,350	2,550	2,600	2,750	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	10,600	10,650	10,250	12,850	12,800	13,600	16,950	16,700	17,650
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,550	1,550	1,550	2,800	2,800	2,750	4,150	4,200	4,300
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,250	7,300	10,800	10,850	10,600	15,500	14,900	15,750
Government	12,450	12,450	12,300	7,200	7,050	7,300	11,450	11,050	11,100
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,050	53,350	55,850						
Manufacturing	9,400	9,850	11,150						
Mining	3,450	3,500	4,000						
Construction	2,100	2,150	2,550						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,250	2,850						
Trade	12,200	12,350	13,150						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,450	2,500	2,350						
Services & Misc.	9,250	9,300	8,800						
Government	10,900	10,450	11,000						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
** Revised.

products rose moderately due to a recall of workers in the bakery products segment, but this gain was offset by a number of small declines among the other industries in nondurable goods.

The beginning of the new school year pushed the nonmanufacturing sector to an overall gain as increases were reported in government and services. State and local government rose substantially over the month as did educational services. All of these gains were directly attributable to the start of the fall semester at local school districts, state colleges and universities, and private schools.

Outside of educational services, the remainder of the services category did not perform very well. Health services managed small gains in hospitals and other health services,

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	Sep. 1982*	Aug. 1982**	Sep. 1981**	Change From Aug. 1982	Change From Sep. 1981
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,216,400	6,222,500	6,204,700	-6,100	11,700
Manufacturing	1,023,700	1,035,200	1,118,200	-11,500	-94,500
Durable Goods	593,700	608,700	676,900	-15,000	-83,200
Lumber & Wood Products	36,700	36,500	36,500	200	200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,400	8,200	-100	-900
Furniture & Fixtures	15,500	15,700	17,200	-200	-1,700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,200	45,500	46,200	-300	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,300	20,400	20,100	-100	200
Primary Metal Industries	40,300	43,300	51,600	-3,000	-11,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	93,200	94,600	103,500	-1,400	-10,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	49,400	50,400	55,800	-1,000	-6,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	156,100	165,200	199,400	-9,100	-43,300
Oil Field Machinery	55,300	62,100	83,300	-6,800	-28,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	96,300	97,200	100,600	-900	-4,300
Transportation Equipment	72,400	72,600	83,000	-200	-10,600
Aircraft & Parts	36,400	36,200	39,600	200	-3,200
Instruments & Related Products	25,300	25,500	25,200	-200	100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,700	12,600	13,700	100	-1,000
Nondurable Goods	430,000	426,500	441,300	3,500	-11,300
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	98,400	98,500	700	600
Meat Products	26,300	26,300	26,500	0	-200
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Bakery Products	12,100	11,600	11,100	500	1,000
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,400	100	-200
Textile Mill Products	5,300	4,800	5,500	500	-200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	68,200	68,400	73,100	-200	-4,900
Paper & Allied Products	22,500	22,700	23,100	-200	-600
Printing & Publishing	66,100	66,400	65,300	-300	800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,400	34,700	33,400	-300	1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,200	83,700	83,800	-500	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	45,500	41,900	46,600	3,600	-1,100
Petroleum Refining	42,600	39,100	43,400	3,500	-800
Leather & Leather Products	8,800	8,900	10,600	-100	-1,800
Other Nondurable Goods	31,300	31,300	34,800	0	-3,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,192,700	5,187,300	5,086,500	5,400	106,200
Mining	289,200	293,600	301,100	-4,400	-11,900
Oil & Gas Extraction	279,500	283,400	290,600	-3,900	-11,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	10,200	10,500	-500	-800
Construction	442,000	444,300	441,100	-2,300	900
Transportation & Public Utilities	386,200	389,500	389,200	-3,300	-3,000
Railroad Transportation	26,800	26,800	29,900	0	-3,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,500	186,700	194,200	-3,200	-10,700
Transportation by Air	37,400	37,400	38,900	0	-1,500
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	94,800	94,400	90,300	400	4,500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,100	81,600	74,800	-500	6,300
Electric Services	43,600	43,800	40,500	-200	3,100
Gas Production & Distribution	32,900	33,200	29,900	-300	3,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,576,900	1,577,500	1,522,900	-600	54,000
Wholesale Trade	444,700	448,100	445,200	-3,400	-500
Retail Trade	1,132,200	1,129,400	1,077,700	2,800	54,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,900	43,700	43,200	200	700
General Merchandise Stores	148,300	147,800	151,800	500	-3,500
Food Stores	200,600	199,300	190,400	1,300	10,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,000	134,200	126,200	-200	7,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	85,600	86,900	82,700	-1,300	2,900
Other Retail Trade	519,800	517,500	483,400	2,300	36,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359,400	361,000	348,000	-1,600	11,400
Banking	96,100	96,900	92,400	-800	3,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	111,900	112,400	115,100	-500	-3,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,400	151,700	140,500	-300	10,900
Services	1,140,000	1,137,200	1,100,200	2,800	39,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	63,300	65,500	66,200	-2,200	-2,900
Personal Services	69,400	69,400	67,300	0	2,100
Business & Repair Services	304,800	307,200	300,300	-2,400	4,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	42,600	45,000	44,000	-2,400	-1,400
Health Services	329,700	328,800	311,800	900	17,900
Educational Services	61,700	52,300	54,900	9,400	6,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	268,500	269,000	255,700	-500	12,800
Total Government	999,000	984,200	984,000	14,800	15,000
Total Federal Government	168,300	169,100	166,700	-800	1,600
Total State Government	217,200	211,500	208,400	5,700	8,800
Total Local Government	613,500	603,600	608,900	9,900	4,600

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**	Sep.'82*	Aug.'82**	Sep.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,950	76,650	77,000	98,400	98,000	95,450	286,250	287,350	285,850
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,600	3,150	4,900	4,850	6,250	11,850	11,800	9,700
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.7	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.5	4.1	4.1	3.4
Total Employment 2/	71,950	73,050	73,850	93,500	93,150	89,200	274,400	275,550	276,150
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,000	181,050	180,000	85,900	86,650	85,500	50,500	49,800	48,900
Total Unemployment	23,000	20,450	11,750	13,550	9,800	7,800	2,950	3,350	2,650
Percent Unemployed	12.8	11.3	6.5	15.8	11.3	9.1	5.8	6.7	5.4
Total Employment 2/	157,000	160,600	168,250	72,350	76,850	77,700	47,550	46,450	46,250
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,050	165,250	156,800	1,739.4	1,759.2	1,677.4	188,100	190,250	190,400
Total Unemployment	13,400	12,200	9,200	111.2	104.8	81.8	23,700	21,350	18,800
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.4	5.9	6.4	6.0	4.9	12.6	11.2	9.9
Total Employment 2/	147,650	153,050	147,600	1,628.2	1,654.4	1,595.6	164,400	168,900	171,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,200	93,250	87,750	1,730.0	1,748.7	1,695.9	69,800	70,900	68,000
Total Unemployment	10,900	9,750	6,150	142.7	122.8	80.8	3,950	3,600	3,950
Percent Unemployed	11.8	10.5	7.0	8.2	7.0	4.8	5.7	5.1	5.8
Total Employment 2/	81,300	83,500	81,600	1,587.3	1,625.9	1,615.1	65,850	67,300	64,050
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,650	39,450	38,250	76,400	77,400	74,250	108,450	108,500	106,450
Total Unemployment	9,200	6,100	3,800	9,300	7,750	3,950	6,450	5,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	23.2	15.5	9.9	12.2	10.0	5.3	5.9	5.4	4.4
Total Employment 2/	30,450	33,350	34,450	67,100	69,650	70,300	102,000	102,600	101,750
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	103,900	102,000	99,800	61,600	63,050	62,100	69,450	70,150	72,950
Total Unemployment	21,950	17,350	15,250	2,900	3,050	3,550	5,000	4,500	2,850
Percent Unemployed	21.1	17.0	15.3	4.7	4.8	5.7	7.2	6.4	3.9
Total Employment 2/	81,950	84,650	84,550	58,700	60,000	58,550	64,450	65,650	70,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,500	48,600	47,500	469,550	471,600	462,800	41,200	42,450	41,950
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,300	2,200	37,100	34,200	31,150	3,350	4,200	2,600
Percent Unemployed	6.4	4.7	4.6	7.9	7.3	6.7	8.1	9.9	6.2
Total Employment 2/	45,400	46,300	45,300	432,450	437,400	431,650	37,850	38,250	39,350
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,700	50,800	49,400	70,900	71,600	73,350	82,850	82,850	83,650
Total Unemployment	5,300	4,650	4,450	5,350	4,700	3,550	4,850	4,200	3,950
Percent Unemployed	10.5	9.2	9.0	7.5	6.6	4.8	5.9	5.1	4.7
Total Employment 2/	45,400	46,150	44,950	65,550	66,900	69,800	78,000	78,650	79,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,900	67,150	67,400				7,311.4	7,373.7	7,140.4
Total Unemployment	4,250	3,650	2,900				587.4	518.6	384.2
Percent Unemployed	6.4	5.4	4.3				8.0	7.0	5.4
Total Employment 2/	61,650	63,500	64,500				6,724.0	6,855.1	6,756.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings Sep. 1982±	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1982	Average Weekly Earnings Sep. 1981	Average Weekly Hours Sep. 1982±	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1982	Average Weekly Hours Sep. 1981	Average Hourly Earnings Sep. 1982±	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1982	Average Hourly Earnings Sep. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$348.53	$345.32	$336.17	40.2	40.2	41.4	$8.67	$8.59	$8.12
Durable Goods	344.40	348.19	337.82	40.0	40.3	41.4	8.61	8.64	8.16
Lumber & Wood Products	243.54	242.98	218.58	41.0	40.7	37.3	5.94	5.97	5.86
Furniture & Fixtures	290.56	289.05	218.69	47.4	47.0	40.2	6.13	6.15	5.44
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	330.72	335.16	323.45	41.6	42.0	43.3	7.95	7.98	7.47
Primary Metal Industries	390.92	403.68	447.32	35.7	36.4	42.4	10.95	11.09	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	340.22	333.50	332.88	38.4	38.6	41.3	8.86	8.64	8.06
Machinery, Exc. Electric	350.27	352.06	366.30	40.4	40.7	43.4	8.67	8.65	8.44
Oil Field Machinery	415.34	428.28	456.46	40.6	42.7	46.2	10.23	10.03	9.88
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	359.07	363.29	314.38	40.3	40.5	40.1	8.91	8.97	7.84
Transportation Equipment	440.13	454.97	369.03	41.6	42.6	39.3	10.58	10.68	9.39
Aircraft & Parts	499.29	519.37	423.85	44.5	45.8	41.8	11.22	11.34	10.14
Instr. & Related Products	271.50	278.63	258.05	37.5	37.5	39.7	7.24	7.43	6.50
Misc. Mfg. Industries	268.19	259.62	232.41	38.7	37.9	38.8	6.93	6.85	5.99
Nondurable Goods	353.10	340.80	334.10	40.4	40.0	41.4	8.74	8.52	8.07
Food & Kindred Products	313.65	297.67	291.64	42.5	41.4	42.7	7.38	7.19	6.83
Meat Products	285.76	279.60	303.30	41.9	41.3	44.8	6.82	6.77	6.77
Malt Beverages	560.79	595.30	534.44	40.2	43.2	43.1	13.95	13.78	12.40
Textile Mill Products	249.10	253.75	237.95	42.8	43.6	41.6	5.82	5.82	5.72
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	168.12	170.56	162.36	36.0	36.6	36.9	4.67	4.66	4.40
Paper & Allied Products	355.77	359.68	363.58	40.2	41.2	43.7	8.85	8.73	8.32
Printing & Publishing	297.70	297.89	303.76	37.4	37.9	39.5	7.96	7.86	7.69
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	568.55	539.32	530.84	43.5	42.2	44.2	13.07	12.78	12.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	584.76	569.84	543.56	44.3	43.8	44.3	13.20	13.01	12.27
Petroleum Refining	608.63	596.51	566.93	44.2	43.7	44.5	13.77	13.65	12.74
Leather & Leather Products	156.63	159.13	172.39	31.9	31.7	36.6	4.91	5.02	4.71
Other Nondurable Goods	303.60	294.39	287.12	40.0	39.2	42.1	7.59	7.51	6.82
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	479.00	453.25	408.71	44.6	42.8	43.9	10.74	10.59	9.31
Oil & Gas Extraction	481.49	455.61	409.53	44.5	42.7	43.8	10.82	10.67	9.35
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	407.96	413.73	369.82	47.0	47.5	45.1	8.68	8.71	8.20
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	392.22	393.41	388.40	39.9	39.9	41.1	9.83	9.86	9.45
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	398.77	393.60	379.45	41.8	41.0	41.2	9.54	9.60	9.21
Wholesale & Retail Trade	224.42	226.67	217.35	33.9	34.5	35.0	6.62	6.57	6.21
Wholesale Trade	338.91	334.90	319.18	39.5	39.4	40.3	8.58	8.50	7.92
Retail Trade	179.74	183.63	175.15	31.7	32.5	32.8	5.67	5.65	5.34
General Mdse. Stores	165.01	162.17	162.34	30.5	30.2	31.1	5.41	5.37	5.22
Banking	242.73	226.07	205.52	37.4	37.0	37.3	6.49	6.11	5.51

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$328.72	$328.80	$312.29	39.7	40.0	40.4	$8.28	$8.22	$7.73
Durable Goods	346.90	348.40	328.45	39.6	40.0	40.3	8.76	8.71	8.15
Nondurable Goods	293.20	291.13	279.61	40.0	40.1	40.7	7.33	7.26	6.87
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	436.60	422.84	431.87	41.7	41.7	43.8	10.47	10.14	9.86
Durable Goods	404.84	394.48	410.71	41.1	41.7	43.6	9.85	9.46	9.42
Nondurable Goods	493.35	470.20	471.61	42.9	41.5	44.2	11.50	11.33	10.67
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	244.86	243.59	240.40	38.5	39.1	40.2	6.36	6.23	5.98
Durable Goods	270.52	264.26	254.23	39.9	39.5	40.1	6.78	6.69	6.34
Nondurable Goods	221.34	224.46	225.92	37.2	38.7	40.2	5.95	5.80	5.62

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

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and personal services was unchanged, but substantial losses were reported in business and repair services, amusements, and hotels and other lodging places.

Mining employment decreased as oil and gas drilling took another dip in September. Some seasonal separations were reported in mining and in construction. Employment in construction dropped moderately because of the return of many summer laborers to school but the industry was still somewhat above its year-ago employment level.

Losses were reported throughout most of the industries in transportation and public utilities. A small increase was recorded in communication, but the overall atmosphere was bleak. Transportation, except railroads, suffered the largest declines as trucking and warehousing and water transportation led in the decreases. Finance, insurance, and real estate dropped as every category realized small to moderate employment losses.

Trade fell as the wholesale segment declined sharply. The decrease was largely attributable to slow sales in the machinery, equipment, and supplies segment because of low activity in the petroleum industry. Retail trade offset most of the decline in wholesale trade, but fell short of making up the total loss. Gains were evident in the retail segments of food stores and eating and drinking places.

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas declined from 708,400 in August to 700,000 in September. Durable goods industries fell from 408,000 to 395,600 over the month, while employment in the nondurable goods sector rose from 300,400 to 304,400.

EARNINGS ADVANCE, HOURS STAGNANT

An average production worker in manufacturing earned $8.67 an hour over a 40.2 hour week during September. The average weekly wage in the State was $348.53. Hours worked were unchanged from August, but the average hourly earnings rose eight cents. Some of the largest gains in hourly earnings were made in industries suffering sizeable employment losses. As lower-paid workers were laid off, the average earnings figure climbed.

FARM EMPLOYMENT DECLINES OVER MONTH

A drop from 184,750 in August to 182,000 in September occurred in total agricultural employment. Seasonal workers numbered 50,500 this September compared to 58,350 a year ago. Seasonal employment was down in cotton, vegetable, and feed and grain activities. Livestock were generally in good condition across the State.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1982	Sep. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,285,400	14,840,200
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.4%	0.7%
UI Covered Employers	282,317	270,376
Total Claims Actions	717,050	233,238
Total Initial Claims Actions	90,115	38,407
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	626,935	194,831
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$125.83	$ 98.47
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$76,089,885	$15,746,719
Total Placements	37,928	47,576

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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ADVANCE NOTED IN TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Statewide employment made a moderate rebound from mid-September to mid-October as it rose by 0.6 percent. Translated into actual numbers, employment rose by 41,800 workers over the month. It was the largest over-the-month gain in seven months. Total employment for October, however, was still below the year-ago level by over 48,000 workers. The moderate upturn may be a sign that better times are near, but a cautious approach is warranted. Generally the beginning of the holiday season brings increases in employment levels and unemployment levels as seasonal jobseekers enter the job market. Some doubt exists this year as to the amount of increased employment that the Christmas shopping will bring. Historically, November unemployment rates are somewhat higher than October's rates because of the influx of seasonal job hunters that inflate both the employment and unemployment levels.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1982	Sep. 1982	Oct. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,767.0	110,546.0	109,244.0
Unemployment	10,942.0	10,695.0	8,216.0
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.7	7.5
Total Employment	99,825.0	99,851.0	101,028.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,644.0	110,980.0	109,012.0
Unemployment	11,551.0	11,260.0	8,669.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.1	8.0
Total Employment	99,093.0	99,720.0	100,343.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,320.7	7,311.4	7,146.7
Unemployment	554.9	587.4	332.4
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.0	4.7
Total Employment	6,765.8	6,724.0	6,814.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,321.0	7,314.0	7,133.0
Unemployment	611.0	611.0	374.0
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.4	5.2
Total Employment	6,710.0	6,703.0	6,759.0

The unemployment level in Texas remained above half a million for the fifth consecutive month. The actual number of unemployed did decrease by 5.5 percent, however, which is a rather sizeable monthly decrease. The State's actual unemployment rate dropped from 8.0 percent in September to 7.6 percent at mid-October. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was 8.3 percent for October, down only slightly from last month's rate of 8.4 percent. The actual rate for the United States in October was 9.9 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate was 10.4 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES

It was a rough month for nonagricultural wage and salary employment as nearly every major industrial category sustained job losses. Only the government sector managed to post an advance over the month. Most of the gain in government was attributed to hiring by State and Local educational institutions.

Wage and salary employment in October was well below the levels of a year ago. Manufacturing was responsible for the decline in wage and salary employment over the year.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,900	58,800	60,400	81,700	80,300	77,600	258,750	257,850	262,450
Manufacturing	6,300	6,300	6,650	9,950	9,950	10,050	33,150	33,250	33,250
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,200	2,850	2,900	2,650	800	850	800
Construction	3,100	3,150	3,200	4,900	5,150	4,850	12,700	12,600	13,950
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,150	3,200	7,000	7,050	7,000	7,700	7,850	8,000
Trade	15,450	15,350	16,650	25,700	24,550	22,850	54,900	55,250	57,550
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,950	2,900	2,900	4,200	4,150	4,000	16,400	16,250	15,600
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,150	13,350	14,400	14,350	13,550	51,600	51,600	49,950
Government	9,400	9,400	9,250	12,700	12,200	12,650	81,500	80,200	83,350
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,550	145,550	157,650	58,800	60,450	64,700	42,600	42,600	42,350
Manufacturing	36,350	36,950	43,150	9,200	9,350	11,650	2,950	3,050	3,200
Mining	2,150	2,200	2,350	100	150	150	1,150	1,150	1,250
Construction	12,250	12,250	15,300	3,600	3,850	4,250	2,750	2,850	2,750
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,500	11,400	11,600	3,000	3,050	3,300	1,900	1,850	1,750
Trade	32,350	32,500	34,150	16,800	17,650	18,700	7,700	7,900	8,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,650	5,650	3,000	3,050	2,950	1,650	1,650	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,850	24,900	25,800	9,550	9,850	9,600	5,900	5,900	5,700
Government	19,400	19,700	19,650	13,550	13,500	14,100	18,600	18,250	17,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,850	131,100	133,900	1,555.7	1,554.4	1,530.9	160,350	160,450	169,250
Manufacturing	15,650	15,700	16,950	310.9	311.9	331.2	33,450	33,650	39,200
Mining	7,650	7,700	8,200	33.0	33.4	31.0	--	--	--
Construction	14,300	14,650	15,100	82.6	83.6	78.9	8,150	8,250	8,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,000	7,000	7,200	96.4	96.4	99.4	10,450	10,550	10,400
Trade	29,750	29,900	31,800	422.1	420.7	405.1	37,150	37,650	39,750
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,000	6,050	5,850	120.1	120.5	116.3	7,850	7,900	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,200	23,050	21,950	307.2	306.0	285.7	25,850	25,650	26,900
Government	27,300	27,050	26,850	183.4	181.9	183.3	37,450	36,800	36,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,400	70,900	71,550	1,532.8	1,533.2	1,582.9	60,250	59,950	58,850
Manufacturing	11,600	11,750	12,150	241.3	243.9	266.2	7,650	7,650	8,250
Mining	800	800	850	93.3	93.2	103.3	--	--	--
Construction	4,350	4,350	5,250	140.9	140.0	151.9	3,750	3,650	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,600	6,700	6,700	106.1	106.4	109.1	3,450	3,400	3,350
Trade	13,250	13,250	13,800	371.1	371.0	382.2	12,850	12,900	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,650	4,650	4,600	97.7	98.1	93.3	2,150	2,150	2,200
Services & Misc.	10,050	10,000	10,400	308.4	309.5	307.6	11,350	11,300	10,650
Government	19,100	19,400	17,800	174.0	171.1	169.3	19,050	18,900	18,000

[2] In thousands.

Over 100,000 jobs have been lost from the State's manufacturing industries in the past year. These losses have been centered in the durable goods sector primarily, but the nondurable goods industries have suffered also.

Durable goods industries sustaining the greatest losses have been nonelectrical machinery, fabricated metal products, primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and electric and electronic equipment. These five industries are responsible for over 80 percent of the decline in manufacturing over the year and over 70 percent of the latest monthly decline.

The heaviest losses continued to occur in the oil field machinery segment of nonelectrical machinery. Decreases in transportation were centered in the ship and boat building and repair segment. Primary metals actually avoided a large decline as it recorded a relatively small drop of 200 jobs from September to October. Primary metals had previously lost about 7,000 jobs from June to September.

Nondurable goods suffered a series of moderate declines over the month which left the sector's employment down considerably. Losses were most substantial in the other

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	29,650	30,250	35,000	64,550	65,200	69,150	91,150	90,400	90,550
Manufacturing	1,800	1,750	2,250	16,250	16,550	19,150	11,000	11,100	12,100
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,550	4,450	4,500	4,900	400	400	400
Construction	1,150	1,300	1,450	4,000	4,100	4,300	4,950	4,950	3,950
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,950	3,100	3,950	3,600	3,600	3,850	4,850	4,800	4,900
Trade	8,800	9,150	12,200	14,950	15,000	15,550	28,150	27,800	27,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,150	5,150	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,950	4,950	4,850	10,750	10,950	10,800	16,250	16,150	17,150
Government	7,300	7,300	7,450	7,950	7,900	8,150	20,400	20,050	19,750
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	71,450	71,000	76,400	50,050	50,600	51,250	53,300	54,650	59,800
Manufacturing	8,000	8,000	10,250	3,950	3,950	5,000	7,100	7,300	9,150
Mining	1,450	1,500	1,750	13,450	13,600	13,650	7,450	7,550	9,600
Construction	5,150	4,900	5,300	3,900	3,850	3,450	5,200	5,700	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,750	2,750	2,700	2,950	2,950	2,850	2,550	2,600	2,800
Trade	21,050	21,250	24,250	10,600	10,800	11,350	14,500	14,950	17,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,000	2,700	3,250	3,250	2,750	2,150	2,150	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,150	9,450	7,600	7,750	7,650	7,600	7,700	8,100
Government	20,900	20,450	20,000	4,350	4,450	4,550	6,750	6,700	6,450
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,600	37,050	37,350	412,400	411,400	412,900	35,200	35,800	36,950
Manufacturing	5,550	5,850	6,200	48,500	48,700	52,400	11,600	11,800	12,750
Mining	500	600	850	3,400	3,500	3,300	350	350	350
Construction	2,150	2,200	2,200	27,400	27,500	26,800	1,250	1,250	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,850	3,850	3,750	18,800	18,800	19,300	2,500	2,550	2,500
Trade	9,100	9,200	9,200	102,900	103,700	103,400	7,250	7,250	7,350
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,550	1,550	1,550	28,300	28,200	27,300	1,250	1,250	1,250
Services & Misc.	7,650	7,650	7,100	86,500	85,900	85,300	6,150	6,250	6,300
Government	6,250	6,150	6,500	96,600	95,100	95,100	4,850	5,100	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,050	44,500	44,350	53,150	53,300	56,850	70,250	69,000	72,450
Manufacturing	8,550	8,500	8,500	11,350	11,250	13,350	15,300	14,500	16,650
Mining	150	100	150	3,050	3,100	3,850	--	--	--
Construction	1,950	1,900	1,850	2,650	2,700	2,650	2,850	2,950	3,050
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,550	2,550	2,700	3,500	3,500	3,450
Trade	10,600	10,550	10,450	12,750	12,850	13,700	17,100	16,950	17,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,550	1,550	2,800	2,800	2,750	4,150	4,150	4,300
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,200	7,300	10,750	10,800	10,550	15,600	15,500	15,950
Government	12,700	12,400	12,250	7,250	7,250	7,300	11,750	11,450	11,350
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,950	53,050	55,750						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,400	11,200						
Mining	3,450	3,450	3,950						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,500						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,300	2,850						
Trade	12,350	12,200	13,150						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,450	2,450	2,350						
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,250	8,750						
Government	10,750	10,900	11,000						

1/ Estimates for Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Dept. of Labor. Estimates for all other areas prepared by TEC under guidelines furnished by the U. S. Dept. of Labor.

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nondurable goods category, which was hit by layoffs, and in the petroleum refining segment of petroleum and coal products. Petroleum refining was not the only oil-related industry to lose employment. The oil and gas extraction portion of mining decreased by 4,600 jobs and has lost 17,800 positions since October 1981.

Employment in construction dropped over the month with downturns in general building construction, highway construction, and in many of the special trade construction categories. Increases were noted in non-highway heavy construction and in the masonry segment of special trade construction. Lower interest rates appeared to be stimulating demand for residential construction once again.

Transportation, except railroads, was responsible for the drop recorded in transporta-

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES†

INDUSTRY				Change From	Change From
	Oct. 1982*	Sep. 1982**	Oct. 1981**	Sep. 1982	Oct. 1981
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,196,300	6,211,000	6,244,700	- 14,700	- 48,400
Manufacturing	1,011,400	1,025,200	1,118,100	- 13,800	-106,700
Durable Goods	583,500	595,100	676,100	- 11,600	- 92,600
Lumber & Wood Products	36,000	36,400	35,900	- 400	100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,300	8,100	- 100	- 900
Furniture & Fixtures	14,900	15,500	17,400	- 600	- 2,500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,300	45,300	45,600	0	- 300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,400	20,400	19,600	0	800
Primary Metal Industries	39,500	39,700	51,600	- 200	- 12,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	90,200	92,800	103,600	- 2,600	- 13,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	48,500	49,300	56,000	- 800	- 7,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	155,200	160,000	200,500	- 4,800	- 45,300
Oil Field Machinery	54,000	57,300	84,400	- 3,300	- 30,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	93,700	95,300	100,200	- 1,600	- 6,500
Transportation Equipment	71,000	72,000	82,200	- 1,000	- 11,200
Aircraft & Parts	36,200	36,300	39,100	- 100	- 2,900
Instruments & Related Products	24,700	25,400	25,400	- 700	- 700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	12,700	13,700	300	- 700
Nondurable Goods	427,900	430,100	442,000	- 2,200	- 14,100
Food & Kindred Products	98,500	99,000	98,700	- 500	- 200
Meat Products	26,000	26,400	26,600	- 400	- 600
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Bakery Products	11,900	12,000	11,400	- 100	500
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,200	3,200	- 100	- 100
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	68,100	68,100	72,900	0	- 4,800
Paper & Allied Products	22,600	22,600	23,300	0	- 700
Printing & Publishing	65,800	66,200	66,100	- 400	- 300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,100	34,400	33,700	- 300	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,000	83,200	83,900	- 200	- 900
Petroleum & Coal Products	45,000	45,500	46,600	- 500	- 1,600
Petroleum Refining	42,100	42,600	43,500	- 500	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,900	8,900	10,700	0	- 1,800
Other Nondurable Goods	30,700	31,300	34,300	- 600	- 3,600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,184,900	5,185,800	5,126,600	- 900	58,300
Mining	282,500	287,400	301,200	- 4,900	- 18,700
Oil & Gas Extraction	273,000	277,600	290,800	- 4,600	- 17,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,800	10,400	- 300	- 900
Construction	438,800	440,300	436,300	- 1,500	2,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,300	383,900	391,100	- 600	- 7,800
Railroad Transportation	26,300	26,300	29,600	0	- 3,300
Transportation, Except Railroads	181,700	182,500	195,600	- 800	- 13,900
Transportation by Air	37,200	37,400	39,400	- 200	- 2,200
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	94,000	94,000	90,600	0	3,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,300	81,100	75,300	200	6,000
Electric Services	43,900	43,600	40,700	300	3,200
Gas Production & Distribution	32,900	32,900	30,100	0	2,800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,572,000	1,572,800	1,542,000	- 800	30,000
Wholesale Trade	444,100	445,300	449,100	- 1,200	- 5,000
Retail Trade	1,127,900	1,127,500	1,092,900	400	35,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,000	43,500	43,400	500	600
General Merchandise Stores	147,200	147,700	154,700	- 500	- 7,500
Food Stores	203,500	203,600	193,500	- 100	10,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,600	127,200	- 900	4,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,100	83,900	83,100	- 800	0
Other Retail Trade	518,400	516,200	491,000	2,200	27,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	358,200	359,000	349,300	- 800	8,900
Banking	95,900	96,100	93,100	- 200	2,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	112,200	112,000	114,900	200	- 2,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	150,100	150,900	141,300	- 800	8,800
Services	1,137,900	1,137,200	1,106,600	700	31,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	63,300	63,500	65,700	- 200	- 2,400
Personal Services	70,000	69,200	67,500	800	2,500
Business & Repair Services	301,700	303,200	303,300	- 1,500	- 1,600
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	41,700	42,800	42,600	- 1,100	- 900
Health Services	328,900	329,400	313,500	- 500	15,400
Educational Services	64,500	62,300	57,200	2,200	7,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	267,800	266,800	256,800	1,000	11,000
Total Government	1,012,200	1,005,200	1,000,100	7,000	12,100
Total Federal Government	168,800	168,200	165,800	600	3,000
Total State Government	222,600	218,200	215,500	4,400	7,100
Total Local Government	620,800	618,800	618,800	2,000	2,000

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† Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**	Oct.'82*	Sep.'82**	Oct.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,050	76,050	76,700	100,850	98,450	93,550	288,850	286,500	288,900
Total Unemployment	3,450	4,000	2,750	5,000	4,850	3,600	11,650	11,800	9,850
Percent Unemployed	4.5	5.3	3.6	5.0	4.9	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.4
Total Employment 2/	72,600	72,050	73,950	95,850	93,600	89,950	277,200	274,700	279,050
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	178,850	180,100	179,900	83,850	86,000	85,050	50,200	50,550	50,300
Total Unemployment	21,700	22,950	9,800	12,450	13,550	7,750	2,600	2,950	2,950
Percent Unemployed	12.1	12.7	5.4	14.8	15.8	9.0	5.2	5.8	5.9
Total Employment 2/	157,150	157,150	170,100	71,400	72,450	78,300	47,600	47,600	47,350
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,250	161,200	156,200	1,742.5	1,739.5	1,677.2	188,450	188,400	186,650
Total Unemployment	12,650	13,400	7,950	102.0	111.0	71.3	22,650	23,850	13,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.3	5.1	5.9	6.4	4.3	12.0	12.7	7.3
Total Employment 2/	148,600	147,800	148,250	1,640.5	1,628.5	1,605.9	165,800	164,550	173,050
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,700	92,250	87,550	1,733.2	1,726.8	1,705.2	70,250	69,850	67,750
Total Unemployment	10,400	10,900	5,000	138.4	143.0	68.6	3,750	3,950	3,150
Percent Unemployed	11.3	11.8	5.7	8.0	8.3	4.0	5.3	5.7	4.6
Total Employment 2/	81,300	81,350	82,550	1,594.8	1,583.8	1,636.6	66,500	65,900	64,600
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,100	39,700	37,950	76,050	76,450	74,700	108,750	108,500	106,200
Total Unemployment	9,200	9,250	3,300	9,150	9,300	3,750	5,550	6,400	4,350
Percent Unemployed	23.5	23.3	8.7	12.0	12.2	5.0	5.1	5.9	4.1
Total Employment 2/	29,900	30,450	34,650	66,900	67,150	70,950	103,200	102,100	101,850
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	106,000	103,950	102,050	61,400	61,600	63,000	67,500	69,400	73,600
Total Unemployment	21,000	21,900	12,550	2,850	2,850	3,800	4,350	5,050	2,900
Percent Unemployed	19.8	21.1	12.3	4.6	4.6	6.0	6.4	7.3	3.9
Total Employment 2/	85,000	82,050	89,500	58,550	58,750	59,200	63,150	64,350	70,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,650	48,500	47,300	470,500	470,100	461,000	41,150	41,200	41,550
Total Unemployment	2,400	3,050	1,550	33,900	37,100	26,500	3,500	3,350	2,300
Percent Unemployed	5.0	6.3	3.3	7.2	7.9	5.7	8.5	8.1	5.5
Total Employment 2/	45,250	45,450	45,750	436,600	433,000	434,500	37,650	37,850	39,250
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,050	50,700	49,300	70,700	70,950	73,000	83,500	82,900	83,800
Total Unemployment	4,850	5,350	4,000	4,600	5,350	3,300	4,900	4,850	3,500
Percent Unemployed	9.5	10.6	8.1	6.5	7.5	4.5	5.9	5.9	4.2
Total Employment 2/	46,200	45,350	45,300	66,100	65,600	69,700	78,600	78,050	80,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,650	65,900	67,250				7,320.7	7,311.4	7,146.7
Total Unemployment	4,650	4,200	2,550				554.9	587.4	332.4
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.4	3.8				7.6	8.0	4.7
Total Employment 2/	62,000	61,700	64,700				6,765.8	6,724.0	6,814.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct 1982±	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982±	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982±	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$348.07	$349.34	$335.37	40.1	40.2	41.2	$8.68	$8.69	$8.14
Durable Goods	348.07	346.87	339.07	40.1	40.1	41.3	8.68	8.65	8.21
Lumber & Wood Products	238.20	236.02	224.75	39.7	39.6	37.9	6.00	5.96	5.93
Furniture & Fixtures	282.22	289.84	209.66	45.3	46.9	38.4	6.23	6.18	5.46
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	337.82	332.69	310.57	42.6	41.9	41.8	7.93	7.94	7.43
Primary Metal Industries	380.06	393.58	423.28	36.3	37.2	40.7	10.47	10.58	10.40
Fabricated Metal Products	326.75	338.96	339.02	37.3	38.3	41.7	8.76	8.85	8.13
Machinery, Exc. Electric	360.26	358.16	365.50	40.8	40.7	43.0	8.83	8.80	8.50
Oil Field Machinery	454.76	440.99	455.17	42.7	41.8	45.7	10.65	10.55	9.96
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	364.00	362.39	316.40	40.4	40.4	40.0	9.01	8.97	7.91
Transportation Equipment	472.85	440.91	389.21	43.5	41.4	40.5	10.87	10.65	9.61
Aircraft & Parts	509.38	498.77	442.19	44.8	44.1	42.6	11.37	11.31	10.38
Instr. & Related Products	270.43	271.15	262.14	37.3	37.4	39.9	7.25	7.25	6.57
Misc. Mfg. Industries	261.13	270.18	245.22	37.9	39.1	40.6	6.89	6.91	6.04
Nondurable Goods	348.07	353.50	329.62	40.1	40.4	41.1	8.68	8.75	8.02
Food & Kindred Products	314.93	315.24	283.92	42.5	42.6	42.0	7.41	7.40	6.76
Meat Products	290.49	289.76	283.39	43.1	42.3	43.2	6.74	6.85	6.56
Malt Beverages	587.97	581.15	560.95	41.7	41.1	44.1	14.10	14.14	12.72
Textile Mill Products	257.99	247.08	241.38	44.1	42.6	42.2	5.85	5.80	5.72
Appr1. & Other Text. Prods.	167.08	169.45	165.17	35.1	35.9	37.2	4.76	4.72	4.44
Paper & Allied Products	357.11	363.60	367.79	41.0	40.9	44.1	8.71	8.89	8.34
Printing & Publishing	299.52	297.00	297.89	37.3	37.5	39.3	8.03	7.92	7.58
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	550.32	570.29	530.75	42.3	43.7	43.9	13.01	13.05	12.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	561.15	582.99	519.79	43.5	44.3	43.1	12.90	13.16	12.06
Petroleum Refining	585.95	606.87	542.07	43.5	44.2	43.4	13.47	13.73	12.49
Leather & Leather Products	157.97	154.75	175.26	33.9	31.2	38.1	4.66	4.96	4.60
Other Nondurable Goods	308.04	299.77	286.90	40.8	39.6	41.7	7.55	7.57	6.88
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	482.24	482.50	411.99	44.0	44.8	44.3	10.96	10.77	9.30
Oil & Gas Extraction	485.10	485.00	413.76	43.9	44.7	44.3	11.05	10.85	9.34
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	404.09	411.26	367.88	46.5	47.6	43.9	8.69	8.64	8.38
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	394.00	394.81	401.29	39.4	39.6	41.2	10.00	9.97	9.74
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	403.24	398.24	379.96	41.7	41.7	40.9	9.67	9.55	9.29
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.40	224.76	213.56	33.8	33.9	34.5	6.58	6.63	6.19
Wholesale Trade	332.90	337.33	323.61	38.8	39.5	40.2	8.58	8.54	8.05
Retail Trade	178.72	180.12	168.73	31.8	31.6	32.2	5.62	5.70	5.24
General Mdse. Stores	158.12	158.71	150.16	29.5	29.5	29.5	5.36	5.38	5.09
Banking	229.97	228.46	204.95	37.7	37.7	37.4	6.10	6.06	5.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$333.60	$327.92	$316.71	40.0	39.7	40.5	$8.34	$8.26	$7.82
Durable Goods	352.54	346.50	334.94	39.7	39.6	40.5	8.88	8.75	8.27
Nondurable Goods	296.06	291.27	278.47	40.5	39.9	40.3	7.31	7.30	6.91
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	431.59	434.92	433.84	41.3	41.5	44.0	10.45	10.48	9.86
Durable Goods	402.93	404.33	415.92	40.7	40.8	44.2	9.90	9.91	9.41
Nondurable Goods	480.11	489.63	468.46	42.3	42.8	43.7	11.35	11.44	10.72
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	240.15	245.50	245.40	37.7	38.6	40.9	6.37	6.36	6.00
Durable Goods	265.95	268.77	265.03	39.4	39.7	40.9	6.75	6.77	6.48
Nondurable Goods	216.24	223.50	224.81	36.1	37.5	40.8	5.99	5.96	5.51

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

tion and public utilities. Transportation by air decreased slightly, but transportation services absorbed most of the industry's decline. Electric services provided the only upward movement as it rose moderately to give the electric, gas, and sanitary services portion a small overall gain.

Trade industries lost a number of jobs over the month as the wholesale trade sector declined moderately. A portion of the loss in wholesale trade was offset by a very modest upswing in retail trade. Retail trade losses were heaviest in automotive dealers and service stations and in apparel and accessory stores. The losses were offset, however, by a significant gain in other retail trade, a collection of specialty stores. The other retail trade category has accounted for over 75 percent of the gain in retail trade during the past year.

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Finance, insurance, and real estate was down moderately in employment with the loss occurring in the other finance, insurance, and real estate segment. Losses generally are evident in real estate after the summer season. Once the school term begins parents are less inclined to move if it means changing schools during the term. Services rose modestly on the strength of gains in the education services segment. The gains coincide with the start of the fall school term. Personal services advanced on gains in tax services, funeral services, and miscellaneous personal services. Losses were greatest in business and repair services and in amusement, including motion pictures. The end of the summer recreational season and a labor-management in professional sports led to the decline.

The number of manufacturing production workers dropped from 702,500 in September to 693,000 in October. The October 1981 level was 789,400 workers. The durable goods industries dropped from 398,700 to 389,600 over the month and the nondurable goods sector declined from 303,800 to 303,400 during the same period.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECREASE SLIGHTLY

Average weekly hours (AWH) and average hourly earnings (AHE) both declined modestly from September to October for an average production worker in manufacturing. Weekly hours fell from 40.2 to 40.1 while AHE dropped by one cent from $8.69 to $8.68. The average weekly earnings fell from $349.34 in September to $348.07 in October.

FARM EMPLOYMENT RECORDS DECLINE

Statewide employment in agriculture turned downward from 182,000 in September to 179,350 in October.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,322,500	14,877,300
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3%	2.2%
UI Covered Employers	284,120	270,981
Total Claims Actions	732,946	243,894
Total Initial Claims Actions	90,300	43,001
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	642,646	200,893
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$ 125.63	$ 100.21
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$ 73,354,573	$ 15,155,765
Total Placements	31,800 °	47,035

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
°Estimate.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR TEXAS UNCHANGED

Statewide total employment and total unemployment climbed at about the same rate from mid-October to mid-November. Total employment rose 1.3 percent, or by 86,400 workers, while the number of unemployed went up 1.4 percent, or by 7,500 individuals. The result was no change over the month in the Texas actual unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

The gains in employment and unemployment represent the flow of seasonal workers and jobseekers into the State's labor force. As the holiday shopping season begins, many will accept temporary seasonal work to help with expenses. Although unemployment is high within the State and for many workers who have recently been laid off, the season will be less than cheerful, retail trade merchants still added a sizeable number of workers in preparation for the shopping period.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,855.0	110,767.0	109,178.0
Unemployment	11,476.0	10,942.0	8,676.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	9.9	7.9
Total Employment	99,379.0	99,825.0	100,502.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,019.0	110,644.0	109,272.0
Unemployment	11,987.0	11,551.0	9,100.0
Percent Unemployed	10.8	10.4	8.3
Total Employment	99,032.0	99,093.0	100,172.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,414.6	7,320.7	7,200.5
Unemployment	562.4	554.9	402.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.6	5.6
Total Employment	6,852.2	6,765.8	6,798.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,399.0	7,321.0	7,178.0
Unemployment	559.0	611.0	390.0
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.3	5.4
Total Employment	6,840.0	6,710.0	6,788.0

Although the Texas unemployment rate was unchanged, it still bucked two trends. The seasonal trend of prior years has seen a slight rise in the rate from October to November and the trend in the National actual rate was upward from 9.9 percent in October to 10.4 percent in November. From this standpoint the unchanged rate was an encouraging sign. There also was a 39 percent drop in the number of people on temporary layoff in the State -- another good omen for the Texas economy.

The Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also stood at 7.6 percent for November, but it was down somewhat from the 8.0 percent recorded in October. The seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 10.9 percent, up from 10.4 percent the previous month.

Among the major metropolitan areas within the State, 13 reported decreased rates, 10 were up, and two were unchanged. Most of the movements were relatively minor and actually did not reflect much change from a month ago. Austin again posted the lowest unemployment rate among the major areas at 3.8 percent. Abilene and San Angelo both had rates of 4.5 percent to rank just behind Austin. Laredo had the highest rate at 24.2 percent and was followed by McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg at 19.6 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,950	58,900	60,850	81,700	81,700	78,400	259,900	258,750	261,700
Manufacturing	6,350	6,300	6,650	10,000	9,950	10,100	33,350	33,150	33,250
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,400	2,850	2,850	2,700	800	800	800
Construction	3,050	3,100	3,250	4,650	4,900	5,050	12,850	12,700	13,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,150	3,200	3,200	7,000	7,000	6,950	7,650	7,700	8,050
Trade	15,650	15,450	16,900	25,850	25,700	23,300	55,800	54,900	57,550
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,950	2,900	4,200	4,200	4,000	16,400	16,400	15,600
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,300	14,400	14,400	13,500	51,800	51,600	49,950
Government	9,350	9,400	9,250	12,750	12,700	12,800	81,250	81,500	83,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,400	144,550	155,800	58,750	58,800	64,850	42,700	42,600	42,800
Manufacturing	35,400	36,350	42,550	9,200	9,200	11,800	2,800	2,950	3,200
Mining	2,150	2,150	2,350	100	100	150	1,150	1,150	1,250
Construction	12,500	12,250	14,500	3,550	3,600	4,150	2,800	2,750	2,750
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,450	11,500	11,700	2,950	3,000	3,200	1,900	1,900	1,750
Trade	32,800	32,350	34,200	16,800	16,800	18,750	7,800	7,700	8,450
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,650	5,700	5,600	2,950	3,000	2,950	1,650	1,650	1,550
Services & Misc.	24,900	24,850	25,300	9,550	9,550	9,650	5,950	5,900	5,750
Government	19,550	19,400	19,600	13,650	13,550	14,200	18,650	18,600	18,100
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,500	130,850	133,900	1,553.1	1,555.6	1,533.1	160,250	160,450	169,900
Manufacturing	15,550	15,650	16,950	310.0	310.7	330.4	33,400	33,450	39,450
Mining	7,650	7,650	8,200	32.9	33.1	31.3	--	--	--
Construction	14,550	14,300	15,150	81.6	82.5	78.6	8,100	8,150	8,450
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,950	7,000	7,050	96.3	96.6	99.1	10,350	10,450	10,400
Trade	29,500	29,750	31,700	424.6	422.6	408.6	37,300	37,150	39,950
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,950	6,000	5,800	119.7	120.0	116.3	7,800	7,850	7,750
Services & Misc.	23,350	23,200	22,100	305.0	307.8	284.9	25,700	25,950	26,900
Government	27,000	27,300	26,950	183.0	182.3	183.9	37,600	37,450	37,000
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,200	70,400	72,200	1,520.7	1,527.3	1,585.9	60,400	60,250	59,050
Manufacturing	11,400	11,600	12,300	235.3	237.7	266.4	7,550	7,650	8,150
Mining	850	800	850	90.7	91.3	103.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,700	4,350	5,400	139.3	140.9	150.4	3,750	3,750	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,450	6,600	7,050	105.7	105.9	108.8	3,450	3,450	3,400
Trade	13,200	13,250	13,650	370.8	371.2	383.9	13,000	12,850	13,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,650	4,600	97.4	97.7	94.0	2,200	2,150	2,200
Services & Misc.	9,750	10,050	10,450	305.6	307.8	308.5	11,350	11,350	10,600
Government	19,150	19,100	17,900	175.9	174.8	170.2	19,100	19,050	18,200

[2] In thousands.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCHES FORWARD

A very slight upturn was reported in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment from October to November. The upturn was due to gains posted in the retail trade sector. Seasonal hiring was responsible for the surge in employment as gains were posted in the retail categories of general merchandise stores, apparel and accessory stores, eating and drinking places, and other retail trade. The trade increase would have been even larger had the wholesale sector not taken a slight downturn. The wholesale sector has steadily dropped since last April due to declines associated with the ebbing domestic oil business.

Government employment also contributed to the gain in wage and salary employment as both administrative agencies and education facilities registered upturns on the State and local levels. Federal employment rose as the Post Office began seasonal hiring to handle the Christmas rush. Finance, insurance, and real estate climbed moderately over the month with the bulk of the increase occurring in the real estate segment. Lower interest rates have stimulated interest in residential sales.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	29,300	29,650	35,000	64,800	64,550	69,200	91,450	91,150	90,650
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	2,250	16,250	16,250	19,100	11,000	11,000	12,000
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,550	4,400	4,450	4,900	400	400	400
Construction	1,100	1,150	1,450	4,100	4,000	4,250	5,000	4,950	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,950	2,950	3,850	3,750	3,600	3,900	4,850	4,850	4,950
Trade	8,700	8,800	12,150	14,950	14,950	15,750	28,300	28,150	27,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,350	1,400	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,200	5,150	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,950	4,950	10,700	10,750	10,750	16,250	16,250	17,100
Government	7,200	7,300	7,500	8,050	7,950	8,100	20,450	20,400	19,900
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	71,900	71,450	78,450	49,800	50,050	51,700	52,550	53,300	60,250
Manufacturing	8,250	8,000	10,550	3,900	3,950	4,800	6,900	7,100	9,300
Mining	1,550	1,450	1,750	13,400	13,450	13,850	7,500	7,450	9,600
Construction	5,100	5,150	5,250	3,800	3,900	3,500	4,800	5,200	5,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,650	2,750	2,750	2,900	2,950	2,850	2,550	2,550	2,800
Trade	21,000	21,050	25,550	10,550	10,600	11,600	14,250	14,500	17,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,050	2,800	3,250	3,250	2,800	2,200	2,150	1,950
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	9,550	7,600	7,600	7,650	7,550	7,600	8,050
Government	21,250	20,900	20,250	4,400	4,350	4,650	6,800	6,750	6,350
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,650	36,600	37,550	413,100	411,800	413,000	34,850	35,200	36,900
Manufacturing	5,350	5,550	6,150	48,400	48,300	52,500	11,350	11,600	12,750
Mining	500	500	850	3,400	3,400	3,400	350	350	350
Construction	2,150	2,150	2,200	27,500	27,300	26,700	1,250	1,250	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,850	3,700	19,000	18,900	19,200	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	9,300	9,100	9,350	103,500	103,000	103,800	7,200	7,250	7,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,550	1,500	28,300	28,200	27,400	1,250	1,250	1,250
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,650	7,200	86,200	86,600	85,000	6,100	6,150	6,200
Government	6,350	6,250	6,600	96,800	96,100	95,000	4,850	4,850	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	44,900	45,050	44,050	53,650	53,150	56,650	70,500	70,250	72,850
Manufacturing	8,400	8,550	8,400	11,450	11,350	13,050	15,300	15,300	16,700
Mining	150	150	150	2,900	3,050	3,800	--	--	--
Construction	2,000	1,950	1,650	2,750	2,650	2,650	2,900	2,850	3,050
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,550	2,700	3,500	3,500	3,450
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,500	13,250	12,750	13,850	17,150	17,100	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,550	2,850	2,800	2,700	4,250	4,150	4,350
Services & Misc.	7,150	7,200	7,250	10,600	10,750	10,650	15,650	15,600	16,050
Government	12,700	12,700	12,250	7,250	7,250	7,250	11,750	11,750	11,350
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,800	52,950	55,850						
Manufacturing	8,950	9,200	11,000						
Mining	3,400	3,450	4,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,550						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	2,850						
Trade	12,550	12,350	13,350						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,450	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,350	9,400	8,750						
Government	10,700	10,750	10,950						

[1/] Estimates for Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Dept. of Labor. Estimates for all other areas prepared by TEC under guidelines furnished by the U. S. Dept. of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

** Revised.

Manufacturing employment continued its downhill slide and its not a very pretty picture. The manufacturing industry category lost almost 10,000 jobs over the month and was down by almost 115,000 jobs over the year. The durable goods sector continued to absorb most of the declines and the story is much the same as has been told again and again in recent months. Nonelectrical machinery, especially oil field machinery, led in the decline, but was joined by almost every other durable goods industry.

The durable goods industries fared better, but only because the losses were smaller as only two industries posted gains. Printing and publishing advanced modestly as one large firm reported a substantial seasonal gain. Apparel and other textile products plunged as one plant closed and the majority of the remaining firms cut employment.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	Nov. 1982*	Oct. 1982**	Nov. 1981**	Change From Oct. 1982	Change From Nov. 1981
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,203,300	6,201,200	6,274,900	2,100	- 71,600
Manufacturing	1,002,300	1,012,200	1,117,200	- 9,900	-114,900
Durable Goods	575,500	583,900	674,600	- 8,400	- 99,100
Lumber & Wood Products	35,900	36,200	34,300	- 300	1,600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,200	7,500	- 100	- 400
Furniture & Fixtures	14,900	15,100	17,300	- 200	- 2,400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,600	45,400	45,800	200	- 200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,500	20,400	19,700	100	800
Primary Metal Industries	38,000	38,400	51,300	- 400	- 13,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	88,000	89,900	103,300	- 1,900	- 15,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	47,100	48,000	55,600	- 900	- 8,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	150,900	154,900	201,300	- 4,000	- 50,400
Oil Field Machinery	49,700	52,200	86,000	- 2,500	- 36,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	94,700	94,800	100,100	- 100	- 5,400
Transportation Equipment	70,700	71,400	82,100	- 700	- 11,400
Aircraft & Parts	36,200	36,100	38,900	100	- 2,700
Instruments & Related Products	23,900	24,800	25,500	- 900	- 1,600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,900	13,000	13,600	- 100	- 700
Nondurable Goods	426,800	428,300	442,600	- 1,500	- 15,800
Food & Kindred Products	98,000	98,400	99,000	- 400	- 1,000
Meat Products	26,300	26,300	26,500	0	- 200
Dairy Products	4,800	4,900	4,800	- 100	0
Bakery Products	12,000	12,200	11,500	- 200	500
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,300	- 100	- 300
Textile Mill Products	5,200	5,300	5,500	- 100	- 300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,600	67,600	72,500	- 1,000	- 5,900
Paper & Allied Products	22,500	22,600	23,400	- 100	- 900
Printing & Publishing	66,600	66,300	66,400	300	200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,000	34,600	33,800	400	1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	82,700	83,000	84,100	- 300	- 1,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	44,900	45,000	46,700	- 100	- 1,800
Petroleum Refining	42,100	42,100	43,500	0	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,600	8,700	10,700	- 100	- 2,100
Other Nondurable Goods	31,700	31,400	34,300	300	- 2,600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,201,000	5,189,000	5,157,700	12,000	43,300
Mining	279,400	281,700	304,200	- 2,300	- 24,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	270,000	272,000	293,700	- 2,000	- 23,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,700	10,500	- 300	- 1,100
Construction	437,000	437,900	441,000	- 900	- 4,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,000	382,700	391,300	- 700	- 9,300
Railroad Transportation	26,300	26,300	29,300	0	- 3,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,400	181,500	195,400	- 1,100	- 15,000
Transportation by Air	37,100	37,400	39,400	- 300	- 2,300
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,900	93,700	90,900	200	3,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,400	81,200	75,700	200	5,700
Electric Services	44,000	43,800	41,000	200	3,000
Gas Production & Distribution	32,900	32,900	30,300	0	2,600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,584,300	1,571,600	1,555,800	12,700	28,500
Wholesale Trade	442,600	443,300	451,500	- 700	- 8,900
Retail Trade	1,141,700	1,128,300	1,104,300	13,400	37,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,400	44,200	43,500	200	900
General Merchandise Stores	150,600	147,700	157,900	2,900	- 7,300
Food Stores	203,800	202,500	190,900	1,300	12,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	130,300	131,100	129,600	- 800	700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	86,800	84,300	86,400	2,500	400
Other Retail Trade	525,800	518,500	496,000	7,300	29,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359,800	358,200	351,900	1,600	7,900
Banking	96,000	96,000	93,600	0	2,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	112,000	112,100	115,200	- 100	- 3,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,800	150,100	143,100	1,700	8,700
Services	1,133,200	1,136,800	1,110,000	- 3,600	23,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	61,400	61,900	66,400	- 500	- 5,000
Personal Services	70,800	70,100	67,400	700	3,400
Business & Repair Services	299,000	300,900	304,300	- 1,900	- 5,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	41,600	41,800	42,500	- 200	- 900
Health Services	328,500	329,500	313,000	- 1,000	15,500
Educational Services	65,300	64,700	58,400	600	6,900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	266,600	267,900	258,000	- 1,300	8,600
Total Government	1,025,300	1,020,100	1,003,500	5,200	21,800
Total Federal Government	169,600	168,800	165,800	800	3,800
Total State Government	224,100	223,400	216,400	700	7,700
Total Local Government	631,600	627,900	621,300	3,700	10,300

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**	Nov.'82*	Oct.'82**	Nov.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,300	76,050	77,700	102,000	100,950	94,750	293,950	289,050	289,200
Total Unemployment	3,450	3,400	3,700	4,700	5,000	4,150	11,050	11,600	11,600
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.6	5.0	4.4	3.8	4.0	4.0
Total Employment 2/	73,850	72,650	74,000	97,300	95,950	90,600	282,900	277,450	277,600
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	181,350	179,000	179,350	85,300	83,900	87,200	51,450	50,450	49,600
Total Unemployment	22,400	21,700	12,250	12,750	12,450	9,350	2,700	2,600	1,900
Percent Unemployed	12.4	12.1	6.8	14.9	14.8	10.7	5.2	5.2	3.8
Total Employment 2/	158,950	157,300	167,100	72,550	71,450	77,850	48,750	47,850	47,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	163,500	161,400	157,100	1,763.0	1,743.8	1,687.4	189,900	188,800	190,400
Total Unemployment	13,100	12,650	9,650	100.0	101.8	83.8	22,250	22,750	17,150
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.8	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.0	11.7	12.0	9.0
Total Employment 2/	150,400	148,750	147,450	1,663.0	1,642.0	1,603.6	167,650	166,050	173,250
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,200	91,750	89,650	1,749.4	1,729.3	1,714.2	71,600	70,300	68,250
Total Unemployment	11,000	10,400	6,600	143.8	138.9	80.0	3,950	3,750	3,750
Percent Unemployed	11.8	11.3	7.4	8.2	8.0	4.7	5.5	5.3	5.5
Total Employment 2/	82,200	81,350	83,050	1,605.6	1,590.4	1,634.2	67,650	66,550	64,500
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,050	39,150	38,900	77,150	76,100	75,050	110,600	108,800	107,100
Total Unemployment	9,700	9,200	4,200	9,100	9,150	4,300	5,500	5,550	5,450
Percent Unemployed	24.2	23.5	10.8	11.8	12.0	5.7	5.0	5.1	5.1
Total Employment 2/	30,350	29,950	34,700	68,050	66,950	70,750	105,100	103,250	101,650
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	110,550	106,000	107,350	62,050	61,400	66,200	67,900	67,750	74,450
Total Unemployment	21,650	20,950	15,100	2,900	2,800	6,600	4,700	4,500	3,450
Percent Unemployed	19.6	19.8	14.1	4.7	4.6	10.0	6.9	6.6	4.6
Total Employment 2/	88,900	85,050	92,250	59,150	58,600	59,600	63,200	63,250	71,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,150	47,650	47,550	477,000	470,300	465,200	42,000	41,100	42,700
Total Unemployment	2,150	2,350	1,700	33,100	33,800	32,200	4,100	3,500	3,650
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.9	3.6	6.9	7.2	6.9	9.8	8.5	8.5
Total Employment 2/	46,000	45,300	45,850	443,900	436,500	433,000	37,900	37,600	39,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,550	51,100	49,150	72,500	70,700	76,550	84,400	83,550	84,350
Total Unemployment	4,950	4,850	4,650	4,600	4,550	7,050	4,300	4,900	3,800
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.5	9.5	6.3	6.4	9.2	5.1	5.9	4.5
Total Employment 2/	46,600	46,250	44,500	67,900	66,150	69,500	80,100	78,650	80,550
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,250	66,700	68,400				7,414.6	7,320.7	7,200.5
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,650	3,750				562.4	554.9	402.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.0	5.5				7.6	7.6	5.6
Total Employment 2/	62,750	62,050	64,650				6,852.2	6,765.8	6,798.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1982±	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1982±	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1982±	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$353.57	$347.73	$339.06	40.5	40.2	41.5	$8.73	$8.65	$8.17
Durable Goods	351.54	346.63	347.77	40.5	40.4	41.9	8.68	8.58	8.30
Lumber & Wood Products	239.01	241.00	226.18	38.8	39.9	38.4	6.16	6.04	5.89
Furniture & Fixtures	276.46	285.76	218.90	45.1	47.0	40.0	6.13	6.08	5.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	352.72	338.30	328.21	43.6	42.5	43.3	8.09	7.96	7.58
Primary Metal Industries	394.93	406.67	430.91	36.5	37.9	41.0	10.82	10.73	10.51
Fabricated Metal Products	338.96	334.52	345.27	38.3	38.1	41.8	8.85	8.78	8.26
Machinery, Exc. Electric	359.10	354.14	374.95	40.9	40.8	43.7	8.78	8.68	8.58
Oil Field Machinery	434.10	431.39	467.06	41.7	41.4	46.8	10.41	10.42	9.98
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	334.94	330.85	313.98	40.5	40.2	40.1	8.27	8.23	7.83
Transportation Equipment	490.18	473.49	404.33	44.2	43.4	41.3	11.09	10.91	9.79
Aircraft & Parts	534.31	507.49	465.59	44.9	44.4	43.8	11.90	11.43	10.63
Instr. & Related Products	280.50	275.28	267.33	37.4	37.2	40.2	7.50	7.40	6.65
Misc. Mfg. Industries	273.64	263.34	251.71	39.6	38.0	41.4	6.91	6.93	6.08
Nondurable Goods	355.59	349.20	327.98	40.5	40.0	41.1	8.78	8.73	7.98
Food & Kindred Products	314.49	313.41	285.69	42.1	41.9	42.2	7.47	7.48	6.77
Meat Products	285.95	290.11	284.49	43.0	43.3	43.7	6.65	6.70	6.51
Malt Beverages	616.07	602.93	579.39	43.6	42.4	45.3	14.13	14.22	12.79
Textile Mill Products	270.42	254.60	236.55	43.9	43.3	41.5	6.16	5.88	5.70
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	167.04	166.95	168.22	34.8	35.0	37.3	4.80	4.77	4.51
Paper & Allied Products	370.24	361.27	366.13	41.6	41.1	43.9	8.90	8.79	8.34
Printing & Publishing	312.80	301.13	297.83	39.1	37.5	39.5	8.00	8.03	7.54
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	552.93	548.14	510.84	42.5	42.1	43.0	13.01	13.02	11.88
Petroleum & Coal Products	566.75	562.44	516.17	43.9	43.6	42.8	12.91	12.90	12.06
Petroleum Refining	590.86	586.38	536.25	43.8	43.5	42.9	13.49	13.48	12.50
Leather & Leather Products	191.38	179.73	168.63	38.2	37.6	36.9	5.01	4.78	4.57
Other Nondurable Goods	334.78	311.08	298.90	41.9	40.4	42.7	7.99	7.70	7.00
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.78	479.16	413.81	44.2	44.0	44.4	10.90	10.89	9.32
Oil & Gas Extraction	484.87	482.68	413.76	44.2	44.0	44.3	10.97	10.97	9.34
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	408.83	396.52	386.06	46.3	46.0	45.2	8.83	8.62	8.54
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	392.82	393.79	393.02	39.4	39.3	39.9	9.97	10.02	9.85
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	403.91	404.49	407.81	41.3	41.7	40.7	9.78	9.70	10.02
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.42	223.40	215.06	33.7	33.9	34.3	6.60	6.59	6.27
Wholesale Trade	334.77	337.12	324.37	39.2	39.2	39.8	8.54	8.60	8.15
Retail Trade	178.29	178.72	169.92	31.5	31.8	32.0	5.66	5.62	5.31
General Mdse. Stores	156.56	157.58	149.99	29.1	29.4	29.7	5.38	5.36	5.05
Banking	233.25	229.97	205.90	38.3	37.7	36.9	6.09	6.10	5.58

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$342.19	$334.84	$324.28	40.4	40.1	41.1	$8.47	$8.35	$7.89
Durable Goods	362.00	354.12	344.84	40.0	39.7	41.2	9.05	8.92	8.37
Nondurable Goods	304.06	297.34	282.62	41.2	40.9	40.9	7.38	7.27	6.91
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	433.65	429.08	440.45	41.3	41.1	44.4	10.50	10.44	9.92
Durable Goods	403.97	400.14	427.05	40.6	40.5	45.0	9.95	9.88	9.49
Nondurable Goods	484.08	477.54	466.77	42.5	42.0	43.3	11.39	11.37	10.78
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	247.04	243.46	248.85	38.6	38.1	41.2	6.40	6.39	6.04
Durable Goods	274.59	268.77	272.95	40.5	39.7	41.8	6.78	6.77	6.53
Nondurable Goods	222.51	220.33	224.52	36.9	36.6	40.6	6.03	6.02	5.53

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Mining employment continued a recession of several month's duration as the State's oil and gas drilling operations sustained the largest decreases. Mining, other than oil and gas extraction, also recorded a moderate decline. Construction also dropped as a majority of firms in most phases of the industry reported reduced employment. The industry was still plagued by high interest rates, although they have recently declined somewhat, and unfavorable general economic conditions. A clouded economic outlook has led to postponed building plans for many businesses and individuals.

Trucking and warehousing suffered a sizeable downturn which led to an overall decline in transportation, communication, and public utilities. Actually some slight gains were posted in communication and in the electric services segment, but they were more than offset by losses in transportation.

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Services reeled with losses in business and repair services, health services, hotels and other lodging places, amusements, and other services. Most of the decreases were small and widespread and some were seasonal - such as declines in amusements and in some membership organizations which sponsor athletic activities. The end of favorable outdoor weather conditions led to many of these cuts.

The total number of production workers in manufacturing decreased from 692,420 in October to 684,884 in November. Both the durable and nondurable sectors were down. Durable goods employment fell from 389,768 to 382,988 and nondurable goods dropped from 302,660 to 301,896.

HOURS AND EARNINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The average hourly earnings (AHE) of a production worker in manufacturing were $8.73 during November. During October the hourly earnings in Texas averaged $8.65. Average Weekly Hours also rose slightly from 40.2 hours per week in October to 40.5 hours per week in November. The increases in earnings and hours worked pushed the average weekly earnings to $353.57 during November.

AGRICULTURE EMPLOYMENT TAKES A DOWNTURN

Total employment in agricultural dropped from 179,350 to 173,150 over the month as activity began to wane after the peak growing season. Total seasonal employment was 41,650 in November compared to 47,400 a year ago. Seasonal employment in cotton activities and feed and grain activities were below the year ago levels, but the employment in vegetable activities was up modestly.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,359,600	14,914,400
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.2%	0.6%
UI Covered Employers	285,292	270,968
Total Claims Actions	INA	264,790
Total Initial Claims Actions	INA	42,804
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	INA	221,986
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	INA	$ 104.84
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	INA	$ 15,812,799
Total Placements	29,900	39,800

* Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Reviews

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STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT IMPROVES

An increase of 44,400 workers was recorded in Statewide total employment from mid-November to mid-December. The rise in employment was accompanied by a rather slight downturn of 8,800 in total unemployment. The small turn in employment was attributed to hiring by retail merchants for the holiday shopping season.

The actual unemployment rate for the State slid from 7.6 percent in November to 7.4 percent in December. With the number of unemployed persons at 553,600, December marked the seventh consecutive month that Statewide unemployment has exceeded a half million individuals.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,477.0	110,855.0	108,574.0
Unemployment	11,628.0	11,476.0	9,013.0
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.4	8.3
Total Employment	98,849.0	99,379.0	99,562.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,129.0	111,019.0	109,184.0
Unemployment	12,036.0	11,987.0	9,571.0
Percent Unemployed	10.8	10.8	8.8
Total Employment	99,093.0	99,032.0	99,613.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,450.2	7,414.6	7,127.5
Unemployment	553.6	562.4	324.9
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.6	4.6
Total Employment	6,896.6	6,852.2	6,802.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,485.0	7,399.0	7,163.0
Unemployment	598.0	559.0	365.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.6	5.1
Total Employment	6,887.0	6,840.0	6,798.0

Employment in Texas has climbed dramatically over the last two months in spite of the high level of unemployment. Total employment for December was a record high 6,896,600 workers, surpassing the previous record of 6,875,000 set in March of 1982, when the unemployment rate was only 5.7 percent. December's employment level was 130,800 workers above the October total, however, a large portion of these workers were seasonal hires and will likely be laid off following the end of the holiday season.

The National unemployment rate for December was 10.5 percent, up slightly from the November mark of 10.4 percent. December's seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 10.8 percent. Texas posted a seasonally adjusted rate of 8.0 percent for December, up moderately from 7.6 percent in November.

Among the major metropolitan areas in the State, most experienced improved employment conditions due to seasonal hiring. A few areas, particularly those areas along the border with Mexico, reflected little or no increases in trade in spite of the Christmas shopping season. Retail trade has been on the decline in these areas due to the peso devaluation and the holiday season merely stalled the decreases in trade for these areas. Austin reported the lowest rate among the major areas at 4.0 percent. Close behind were Abilene at 4.1 percent, San Angelo at 4.2 percent, and Midland at 4.3 percent. Laredo registered the highest rate at 25.0 percent and was above McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg at 19.6 percent and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito at 15.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	59,300	58,950	60,800	82,300	81,700	79,150	262,500	259,900	262,200
Manufacturing	6,300	6,350	6,200	10,100	10,000	10,000	33,200	33,350	33,300
Mining	5,400	5,400	5,500	2,900	2,850	2,750	800	800	800
Construction	3,050	3,050	3,300	4,650	4,650	5,200	13,400	12,850	13,550
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,150	3,150	3,150	6,950	7,000	6,950	7,700	7,650	7,900
Trade	15,950	15,650	17,200	26,150	25,850	23,950	57,800	55,800	58,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,250	4,200	4,000	16,300	16,400	15,650
Services & Misc.	13,150	13,100	13,250	14,500	14,400	13,600	51,400	51,800	49,700
Government	9,400	9,350	9,300	12,800	12,750	12,700	81,900	81,250	83,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	143,850	144,400	155,400	58,350	58,750	65,500	42,500	42,700	43,050
Manufacturing	35,150	35,400	43,250	8,850	9,200	11,700	2,850	2,800	3,250
Mining	2,150	2,150	2,350	100	100	150	1,150	1,150	1,250
Construction	11,950	12,500	13,700	3,250	3,550	4,100	2,650	2,800	2,750
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,450	11,550	2,950	2,950	3,250	1,950	1,900	1,750
Trade	33,000	32,800	34,350	16,900	16,800	19,300	7,850	7,800	8,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,650	5,600	2,950	2,950	2,950	1,650	1,650	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,850	24,900	25,150	9,650	9,550	9,650	5,900	5,950	5,750
Government	19,550	19,550	19,450	13,700	13,650	14,400	18,500	18,650	18,300
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	129,500	130,500	134,150	1,555.3	1,553.1	1,540.5	160,300	160,600	170,200
Manufacturing	15,050	15,550	16,950	308.7	310.2	329.2	33,650	33,400	39,200
Mining	7,650	7,650	8,100	33.0	32.9	31.4	--	--	--
Construction	14,150	14,550	15,050	80.4	81.7	78.7	8,000	8,100	8,350
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,900	6,950	7,300	96.2	96.1	99.6	10,350	10,350	10,400
Trade	29,400	29,500	32,150	430.0	424.7	415.8	37,200	37,300	40,650
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,950	5,950	5,800	119.8	119.7	116.8	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,250	23,350	22,250	304.5	305.1	284.7	26,000	26,050	26,900
Government	27,150	27,000	26,550	182.7	182.7	184.3	37,300	37,600	36,900
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	70,200	70,200	71,600	1,521.0	1,521.0	1,598.1	60,300	60,400	59,350
Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	12,400	233.1	234.6	267.6	7,500	7,550	8,150
Mining	850	850	850	91.0	91.0	104.8	--	--	--
Construction	4,600	4,700	4,950	138.4	139.6	148.8	3,550	3,750	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,450	6,450	6,900	105.0	105.7	110.8	3,450	3,450	3,400
Trade	13,400	13,200	13,850	375.1	371.2	391.8	13,150	13,000	13,350
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,650	4,700	4,600	97.6	97.4	94.4	2,200	2,200	2,250
Services & Misc.	9,750	9,750	10,150	305.6	305.6	309.5	11,300	11,350	10,550
Government	19,200	19,150	17,900	175.2	175.9	170.4	19,150	19,100	18,150

[2] In thousands.

Wage and Salary Employment Records Modest Gain

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by only 3,800 jobs from November to December as the only significant increase occurred in retail trade. Seasonal hiring led to a gain of 20,800 jobs in the retail trade sector as merchants increased their staffs to handle Christmas shoppers. Trade as a whole rose by 17,400 jobs as a decline of 3,400 was absorbed in the wholesale sector. Oilfield equipment and supplies were chiefly responsible for the drop at the wholesale level, although a number of other industries experienced small declines in the wholesale sector.

Manufacturing continued its vanishing act as another 2,700 jobs were lost over the month. The durable goods sector was responsible for all the losses as decreases were small and widespread throughout the sector. The largest decline among the durable goods industries occurred in fabricated metals and was primarily due to a labor-management dispute. Nonelectrical machinery declined slightly with the oilfield machinery sector continuing to falter. The oilfield machinery category was down over 40 percent in employment from the year ago level.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	29,350	29,300	35,150	64,900	64,800	69,400	91,150	91,450	91,350
Manufacturing	1,850	1,800	2,250	16,250	16,250	19,150	11,000	11,000	11,850
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,550	4,350	4,400	4,950	400	400	400
Construction	1,050	1,100	1,500	3,950	4,100	4,100	4,600	5,000	3,850
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,950	2,950	3,850	3,700	3,750	3,850	4,900	4,850	5,250
Trade	8,700	8,700	12,300	15,350	14,950	16,000	28,400	28,300	28,250
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,350	1,300	2,600	2,600	2,450	5,250	5,200	4,950
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	4,900	10,650	10,700	10,800	16,200	16,250	17,050
Government	7,200	7,200	7,500	8,050	8,050	8,100	20,400	20,450	19,750
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	72,450	71,900	79,800	49,750	49,800	52,200	51,650	52,550	60,300
Manufacturing	8,550	8,250	10,650	3,850	3,900	4,750	6,700	6,900	9,550
Mining	1,650	1,550	1,850	13,200	13,400	14,000	7,450	7,500	9,600
Construction	4,950	5,100	5,200	3,650	3,800	3,550	4,350	4,800	5,250
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,650	2,650	2,750	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,500	2,550	2,750
Trade	21,150	21,000	26,550	10,850	10,550	11,850	14,300	14,250	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,000	2,800	3,250	3,250	2,850	2,200	2,200	1,950
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	9,650	7,650	7,600	7,700	7,300	7,550	8,150
Government	21,350	21,250	20,350	4,400	4,400	4,600	6,850	6,800	6,350
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,650	36,650	37,950	413,900	413,300	414,800	34,650	34,800	36,550
Manufacturing	5,350	5,350	6,150	48,300	48,300	52,100	11,150	11,350	12,300
Mining	500	500	850	3,400	3,400	3,500	350	350	350
Construction	2,100	2,150	2,200	27,100	27,500	26,300	1,250	1,250	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,750	3,800	3,800	19,000	18,900	19,300	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	9,500	9,300	9,600	104,500	103,600	105,800	7,150	7,200	7,450
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	28,200	28,300	27,600	1,250	1,250	1,250
Services & Misc.	7,650	7,700	7,250	86,500	86,400	85,100	6,100	6,050	6,250
Government	6,300	6,350	6,600	96,900	96,900	95,100	4,900	4,850	5,050
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,100	44,900	44,050	54,000	53,650	56,700	70,150	70,650	72,700
Manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,250	11,400	11,450	13,000	14,550	15,300	16,500
Mining	150	150	100	3,000	2,900	3,650	--	--	--
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,650	2,700	2,750	2,650	2,850	2,900	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,650	2,600	2,650	3,500	3,500	3,450
Trade	10,950	10,600	10,750	13,350	13,250	14,000	17,600	17,150	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,550	2,850	2,850	2,700	4,300	4,250	4,350
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,150	7,250	10,700	10,600	10,700	15,600	15,800	16,000
Government	12,500	12,700	12,200	7,350	7,250	7,350	11,750	11,750	11,300
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,750	52,800	56,000						
Manufacturing	8,900	8,950	10,900						
Mining	3,350	3,400	4,000						
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,550						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	2,900						
Trade	12,850	12,550	13,550						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,250	9,350	8,750						
Government	10,650	10,700	10,950						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

** Revised.

Nondurable goods rose by only 700 jobs as most of the industries were able to maintain their employment levels or show a small gain. The largest gain was 500 jobs in the rubber and miscellaneous plastics products segment of other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment was highlighted by the gain in retail trade. Smaller increases were posted in mining, up 800, and in finance, insurance, and real estate, which rose by 1,000 jobs. Real estate accounted for all of the upturn in finance, insurance, and real estate as lower interest rates sparked activity.

Construction suffered from periods of inclement weather to record a sizeable decline in employment. A very slight reduction in transportation caused the transportation, communication, and public utilities category to take a very mild downturn.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	Dec. 1982*	Nov. 1982**	Dec. 1981**	Change From Nov. 1982	Change From Dec. 1981
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,202,100	6,198,300	6,299,000	3,800	- 96,900
Manufacturing	1,002,400	1,005,100	1,113,400	- 2,700	-111,000
Durable Goods	574,800	578,200	672,700	- 3,400	- 97,900
Lumber & Wood Products	36,100	36,000	33,700	100	2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,100	7,400	100	- 200
Furniture & Fixtures	14,700	15,000	17,300	- 300	- 2,600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,300	45,400	45,400	- 100	- 100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	20,400	20,400	19,800	0	600
Primary Metal Industries	37,600	38,000	51,300	- 400	- 13,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	87,200	88,200	103,600	- 1,000	- 16,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	46,700	47,200	55,600	- 500	- 8,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	151,600	152,300	200,700	- 700	- 49,100
Oil Field Machinery	49,500	49,900	86,700	- 400	- 37,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	94,800	95,600	99,700	- 800	- 4,900
Transportation Equipment	70,800	70,700	81,900	100	- 11,100
Aircraft & Parts	36,400	36,200	39,000	200	- 2,600
Instruments & Related Products	23,700	23,900	25,900	- 200	- 2,200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,100	13,200	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	427,600	426,900	440,700	700	- 13,100
Food & Kindred Products	98,500	98,500	98,700	0	- 200
Meat Products	26,700	26,900	26,400	- 200	300
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	200
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,200	5,500	100	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,500	66,500	71,500	0	- 5,000
Paper & Allied Products	22,700	22,600	23,100	100	- 400
Printing & Publishing	66,200	66,400	66,200	- 200	0
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,700	34,900	33,600	- 200	1,100
Chemicals & Allied Products	82,900	82,600	84,300	300	- 1,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	44,900	44,900	46,800	0	- 1,900
Petroleum Refining	42,100	42,100	43,700	0	- 1,600
Leather & Leather Products	8,600	8,700	10,800	- 100	- 2,200
Other Nondurable Goods	32,000	31,500	33,800	500	- 1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,199,700	5,193,200	5,185,600	6,500	14,100
Mining	280,600	279,800	308,000	800	- 27,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	271,200	270,400	297,600	800	- 26,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	10,400	0	- 1,000
Construction	425,100	435,000	438,900	- 9,900	- 13,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,400	380,800	390,500	- 400	- 10,100
Railroad Transportation	25,700	25,800	29,300	- 100	- 3,600
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,400	179,800	194,000	- 400	- 14,600
Transportation by Air	37,400	37,100	39,300	300	- 1,900
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,700	93,600	91,000	100	2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,600	81,600	76,200	0	5,400
Electric Services	44,200	44,100	41,200	100	3,000
Gas Production & Distribution	33,100	33,000	30,600	100	2,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,596,100	1,578,700	1,583,500	17,400	12,600
Wholesale Trade	437,800	441,200	453,200	- 3,400	- 15,400
Retail Trade	1,158,300	1,137,500	1,130,300	20,800	28,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,200	44,200	44,000	0	200
General Merchandise Stores	155,500	149,800	166,400	5,700	- 10,900
Food Stores	205,300	204,400	191,900	900	13,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	129,500	129,300	129,300	200	200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	93,100	87,500	93,700	5,600	- 600
Other Retail Trade	530,700	522,300	505,000	8,400	25,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	360,600	359,600	353,100	1,000	7,500
Banking	96,300	96,000	94,100	300	2,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	111,800	112,000	114,900	- 200	- 3,100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	152,500	151,600	144,100	900	8,400
Services	1,132,000	1,133,500	1,107,200	- 1,500	24,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	60,900	61,200	65,500	- 300	- 4,600
Personal Services	69,600	70,100	67,000	- 500	2,600
Business & Repair Services	299,700	298,900	305,500	800	- 5,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	42,200	41,400	42,600	800	- 400
Health Services	328,100	329,000	312,400	- 900	15,700
Educational Services	64,700	65,800	57,000	- 1,100	7,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	266,800	267,100	257,200	- 300	9,600
Total Government	1,024,900	1,025,800	1,004,400	- 900	20,500
Total Federal Government	170,700	169,900	165,700	800	5,000
Total State Government	224,300	224,600	217,300	- 300	7,000
Total Local Government	629,900	631,300	621,400	- 1,400	8,500

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**	Dec.'82*	Nov.'82**	Dec.'81**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,850	77,300	77,700	104,000	101,950	95,000	299,350	293,800	286,150
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,450	3,700	5,550	4,650	4,100	12,000	10,950	9,350
Percent Unemployed	4.1	4.5	4.8	5.3	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
Total Employment 2/	74,650	73,850	74,000	98,450	97,300	90,900	287,350	282,850	276,800
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	183,100	181,300	175,300	85,850	85,250	86,050	51,150	51,400	49,150
Total Unemployment	23,800	22,400	9,400	13,150	12,700	7,400	2,350	2,650	1,500
Percent Unemployed	13.0	12.4	5.4	15.3	14.9	8.6	4.6	5.2	3.1
Total Employment 2/	159,300	158,900	165,900	72,700	72,550	78,650	48,800	48,750	47,650
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	163,900	163,450	154,050	1,768.3	1,762.3	1,670.4	190,900	190,350	186,400
Total Unemployment	13,600	13,100	7,850	92.3	99.5	65.6	21,900	22,400	13,450
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.0	5.1	5.2	5.6	3.9	11.5	11.8	7.2
Total Employment 2/	150,300	150,350	146,200	1,676.0	1,662.8	1,604.8	169,000	167,950	172,950
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	94,000	93,150	87,700	1,758.8	1,750.8	1,707.3	71,550	71,650	67,400
Total Unemployment	11,350	10,950	5,600	142.3	145.0	67.0	3,650	4,000	2,900
Percent Unemployed	12.1	11.8	6.4	8.1	8.3	3.9	5.1	5.6	4.3
Total Employment 2/	82,650	82,200	82,100	1,616.5	1,605.8	1,640.3	67,900	67,650	64,500
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,350	40,100	38,150	77,550	77,150	74,350	111,050	110,600	106,750
Total Unemployment	10,100	9,750	3,500	9,000	9,100	3,650	5,000	5,500	3,800
Percent Unemployed	25.0	24.3	9.2	11.6	11.8	4.9	4.5	5.0	3.6
Total Employment 2/	30,250	30,350	34,650	68,550	68,050	70,700	106,050	105,100	102,950
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	111,150	110,450	107,600	62,150	62,050	62,050	67,350	67,900	74,200
Total Unemployment	21,750	21,550	13,350	2,700	2,900	2,050	4,800	4,700	3,050
Percent Unemployed	19.6	19.5	12.4	4.3	4.7	3.3	7.1	6.9	4.1
Total Employment 2/	89,400	88,900	94,250	59,450	59,150	60,000	62,550	63,200	71,150
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,450	48,100	48,500	477,600	477,100	457,250	41,600	42,000	41,800
Total Unemployment	2,050	2,100	2,350	30,100	33,000	24,150	3,800	4,100	3,200
Percent Unemployed	4.2	4.4	4.8	6.3	6.9	5.3	9.1	9.8	7.7
Total Employment 2/	46,400	46,000	46,150	447,500	444,100	433,100	37,800	37,900	38,600
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,650	51,550	48,550	73,450	72,450	74,850	85,300	84,350	83,100
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,950	3,950	4,450	4,600	5,400	5,200	4,250	3,000
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.6	8.1	6.1	6.3	7.2	6.1	5.0	3.6
Total Employment 2/	46,850	46,600	44,600	69,000	67,850	69,450	80,100	80,100	80,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,500	67,300	67,050				7,450.2	7,414.6	7,127.5
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,550	2,550				553.6	562.4	324.9
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.8	3.8				7.4	7.6	4.6
Total Employment 2/	63,000	62,750	64,500				6,896.6	6,852.2	6,802.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1982±	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982±	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982±	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$355.83	$351.48	$344.45	40.9	40.4	41.6	$8.70	$8.70	$8.28
Durable Goods	353.42	349.06	355.75	41.0	40.4	42.2	8.62	8.64	8.43
Lumber & Wood Products	244.21	239.34	226.42	40.1	39.3	37.8	6.09	6.09	5.99
Furniture & Fixtures	280.97	277.47	221.50	45.1	46.4	40.2	6.23	5.98	5.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	354.12	346.52	320.78	44.1	43.1	42.6	8.03	8.04	7.53
Primary Metal Industries	374.25	386.13	423.05	36.3	36.6	40.6	10.31	10.55	10.42
Fabricated Metal Products	353.12	342.99	354.06	39.9	38.8	42.1	8.85	8.84	8.41
Machinery, Exc. Electric	359.68	353.97	393.34	41.2	40.5	44.8	8.73	8.74	8.78
Oil Field Machinery	446.45	431.39	490.34	42.6	41.4	48.5	10.48	10.42	10.11
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	337.71	335.27	315.22	40.3	40.2	39.7	8.38	8.34	7.94
Transportation Equipment	488.17	487.52	427.28	44.5	44.0	42.6	10.97	11.08	10.03
Aircraft & Parts	515.09	524.21	481.60	44.1	44.5	44.8	11.68	11.78	10.75
Instr. & Related Products	304.18	284.63	266.26	39.3	37.6	39.8	7.74	7.57	6.69
Misc. Mfg. Industries	261.12	264.88	257.49	38.8	38.5	41.8	6.73	6.88	6.16
Nondurable Goods	358.16	353.43	326.83	40.7	40.3	40.6	8.80	8.77	8.05
Food & Kindred Products	311.64	306.03	284.18	42.0	41.3	42.1	7.42	7.41	6.75
Meat Products	261.87	267.73	262.67	40.6	41.0	41.3	6.45	6.53	6.36
Malt Beverages	626.84	616.07	618.53	43.5	43.6	47.8	14.41	14.13	12.94
Textile Mill Products	278.92	267.88	240.77	45.5	43.7	41.8	6.13	6.13	5.76
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	172.91	169.44	165.70	35.8	35.3	36.1	4.83	4.80	4.59
Paper & Allied Products	388.72	376.37	339.46	43.0	42.1	41.6	9.04	8.94	8.16
Printing & Publishing	323.95	310.79	295.50	39.7	38.8	39.4	8.16	8.01	7.50
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	546.49	554.23	515.39	42.2	42.6	42.7	12.95	13.01	12.07
Petroleum & Coal Products	576.40	566.75	517.37	43.7	43.9	42.9	13.19	12.91	12.06
Petroleum Refining	600.81	590.42	537.07	43.6	43.8	43.0	13.78	13.48	12.49
Leather & Leather Products	176.41	187.34	174.10	36.6	38.0	37.2	4.82	4.93	4.68
Other Nondurable Goods	336.76	325.54	296.52	42.2	41.0	42.3	7.98	7.94	7.01
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	439.97	476.98	428.09	40.7	43.6	45.3	10.81	10.94	9.45
Oil & Gas Extraction	442.54	479.81	429.44	40.6	43.5	45.3	10.90	11.03	9.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	369.12	389.76	382.79	44.1	46.4	45.3	8.37	8.40	8.45
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	395.78	391.93	383.91	38.5	38.5	40.2	10.28	10.18	9.55
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	407.79	403.35	392.64	41.4	41.2	40.9	9.85	9.79	9.60
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.94	224.06	218.20	34.6	34.0	34.8	6.53	6.59	6.27
Wholesale Trade	340.56	337.98	330.07	39.6	39.3	40.4	8.60	8.60	8.17
Retail Trade	182.47	179.60	172.90	32.7	31.9	32.5	5.58	5.63	5.32
General Mdse. Stores	171.22	155.93	155.86	32.8	29.2	30.5	5.22	5.34	5.11
Banking	231.04	229.45	209.76	38.0	37.8	38.0	6.08	6.07	5.52

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$348.55	$342.63	$330.03	41.2	40.5	41.1	$8.46	$8.46	$8.03
Durable Goods	367.52	362.50	352.29	40.7	40.1	41.3	9.03	9.04	8.53
Nondurable Goods	309.54	304.29	285.60	42.0	41.4	40.8	7.37	7.35	7.00
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	446.90	439.32	445.21	42.4	42.0	44.7	10.54	10.46	9.96
Durable Goods	417.00	411.42	435.39	41.7	41.6	45.4	10.00	9.89	9.59
Nondurable Goods	498.18	485.21	463.51	43.7	42.6	43.4	11.40	11.39	10.68
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	259.94	252.45	249.64	40.3	39.2	41.4	6.45	6.44	6.03
Durable Goods	283.71	280.98	274.26	41.6	41.2	42.0	6.82	6.82	6.53
Nondurable Goods	238.51	227.02	226.59	39.1	37.4	40.9	6.10	6.07	5.54

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Government declined with moderate losses in State and local educational facilities between semesters.

Services was filled with industries moving in opposite directions and ended up posting a loss of 1,500 jobs. Most of the changes were seasonal in nature, although a decline in health services was concentrated in the hospital sector and was spread among many employers.

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Manufacturing Hours Increase, Earnings Constant

An average production worker in manufacturing worked a 40.9 hour week during December and earned $8.70 per hour. In November the average worker toiled 40.4 hours at $8.70 per hour. The average weekly wage was $355.83 for December, up moderately from $351.48 in November. The total number of production workers in Texas slipped from 686,600 in November to 685,000 for December. In December 1981 there were 785,800 manufacturing production workers in the State.

Several manufacturing industries were able to post gains in both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings. Overtime worked led to increased hours and earnings in instruments and related products and in paper and allied products. Malt beverages also benefitted from overtime worked, although a shortened work week at one large firm lowered the average hours worked.

The settlement of a labor-management dispute led to a large gain in hourly earnings in petroleum refining. A wage rate increase caused earnings to advance in printing and publishing, while general merchandise stores enjoyed a substantial gain in hours worked and a moderate upturn in hourly earnings.

National Unemployment Rate to Include Military

Beginning with the release of January 1983 data, the National labor force and employment series will include data for military personnel based in the United States. State and local labor force statistics will, however, continue to exclude data for the military. The National series will represent information in addition to the current labor force series. It is anticipated that the inclusion of the resident military will cause the new series' National unemployment rate to be one to two tenths of a percent below the concurrent civilian unemployment rate. We will continue to publish the civilian labor force series in this newsletter. Information on the new series will not be included in this newsletter, but will be available on request.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1981
Total Population, Texas	15,433,800	14,951,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.0	1.2
UI Covered Employers	287,807	272,474
Total Claims Actions	959,656	379,242
Total Initial Claims Actions	92,734	54,634
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	866,922	324,608
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$130.70	$108.03
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$104,004,234	$22,940,885
Total Placements	28,838	30,936

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES REVISED

The civilian labor force estimates and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1982 which appear in this issue have been revised and are not comparable to prior estimates published for 1982. Similar estimates for 1981 are also being revised as well as civilian labor force estimates for 1980.

The current estimates utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates. Tabulations of revised data for the above periods may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, Texas 78778.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	109,779.0	110,477.0	108,014.0
Unemployment	12,517.0	11,628.0	10,183.0
Percent Unemployed	11.4	10.5	9.4
Total Employment	97,262.0	98,849.0	97,831.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,549.0	111,129.0	109,034.0
Unemployment	11,446.0	12,036.0	9,346.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.8	8.6
Total Employment	99,103.0	99,093.0	99,688.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,589.1	7,495.4	7,169.3
Unemployment	645.7	556.9	426.1
Percent Unemployed	8.5	7.4	5.9
Total Employment	6,943.4	6,938.5	6,743.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,616.0	7,527.0	7,193.0
Unemployment	623.0	601.0	403.0
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.0	5.6
Total Employment	6,993.0	6,926.0	6,790.0

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE AT RECORD LEVEL

The Texas civilian labor force reached an all time high at mid-January as it rose by over 90,000 from the mid-December estimate. The labor force surged upward on a rather large increase in the number of unemployed individuals. Total unemployment in the State rose by 88,800 persons from the December level and was 219,600 above the year ago total.

Seasonal influences were primarily responsible for the jump in unemployment over the month. A large number of workers were released by retail trade establishments following the end of the Christmas shopping season. Retail trade, however, was not the only segment to report a loss as several other segments were also down. The seasonal jump was not unusual, the unusual aspect was that the State had a rate as high as 7.4 percent in December before the seasonal change occurred. The problems which led to the State's high level of unemployment are varied and are well known by now. The year 1982 was an unusual one for the Texas economy and the oil glut, soaring interest rates, and the peso devaluation in Mexico have all taken their toll on the State's employment situation.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,300	60,200	60,800	78,400	79,050	74,900	268,600	272,750	261,550
Manufacturing	6,750	6,850	6,000	10,600	10,450	10,200	33,300	33,400	33,000
Mining	4,950	4,950	6,150	2,250	2,250	2,200	850	850	850
Construction	3,400	3,350	3,250	3,200	3,150	3,500	14,750	14,900	14,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,600	7,850	7,800	8,050
Trade	15,700	15,800	16,650	24,200	24,950	21,950	61,100	62,700	59,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,050	2,900	4,050	4,100	3,900	17,100	17,550	16,150
Services & Misc.	13,750	13,600	13,450	14,700	14,750	13,950	53,350	53,450	50,400
Government	9,450	9,350	9,200	12,900	12,900	12,600	80,300	82,100	80,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	146,550	147,100	155,500	58,250	58,100	65,700	42,050	43,900	41,300
Manufacturing	34,200	34,450	41,900	8,900	8,900	12,100	3,050	2,950	3,400
Mining	2,400	2,400	2,750	100	100	150	1,600	1,600	1,950
Construction	10,750	11,050	12,150	3,450	3,400	4,400	2,700	2,700	2,650
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,550	12,500	12,400	3,450	3,450	3,650	2,000	1,950	1,850
Trade	34,050	34,250	34,250	16,850	16,850	19,300	8,950	9,200	8,850
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,750	5,750	5,650	2,950	2,900	2,950	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	26,350	26,100	26,350	10,250	10,250	10,350	5,950	6,000	5,650
Government	20,500	20,600	20,050	12,300	12,250	12,800	16,000	17,700	15,350
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,200	133,500	136,150	1,531.3	1,549.4	1,513.2	162,900	165,100	170,400
Manufacturing	14,700	14,750	16,300	307.0	307.2	324.8	36,650	37,450	40,700
Mining	9,150	9,200	9,750	32.9	32.8	31.7	--	--	--
Construction	12,300	12,400	12,550	81.2	83.2	78.1	7,550	7,900	8,250
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,650	7,600	7,850	96.3	97.3	99.4	10,450	10,550	10,750
Trade	32,050	32,150	33,200	417.1	427.7	406.7	40,350	40,650	42,550
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,450	6,350	6,350	116.8	117.3	113.2	7,700	7,700	7,600
Services & Misc.	24,450	24,650	24,250	301.2	301.3	281.1	26,950	27,400	27,000
Government	26,450	26,400	25,900	178.8	182.6	178.2	33,250	33,450	33,550
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,200	68,750	69,850	1,561.0	1,570.3	1,619.6	59,950	60,500	58,550
Manufacturing	11,000	11,150	11,850	236.8	238.8	273.7	7,800	7,750	8,150
Mining	850	850	850	102.1	102.6	116.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,650	4,650	5,350	140.2	141.8	145.4	3,050	3,050	2,850
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,350	6,300	6,400	108.1	108.4	112.6	3,250	3,200	3,250
Trade	12,650	13,100	13,100	376.9	381.5	385.4	13,500	13,950	13,450
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,550	100.0	100.1	96.7	2,300	2,250	2,200
Services & Misc.	10,100	10,050	10,200	318.8	319.4	317.2	11,050	11,150	10,550
Government	18,100	18,150	17,550	178.1	177.7	171.9	19,000	19,150	18,100

[2] In thousands.

Along with the high unemployment comes a high unemployment rate and the Statewide rate for January was a whopper. The January rate was 8.5 percent and it was the highest rate yet recorded in the current historical series which dates back to 1970. The actual unemployment rate for Texas in December was 7.4 percent and in January 1982 it was 5.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the State was 8.2 percent in January, up only slightly from December's rate of 8.0 percent. The National unemployment rate for January was 11.4 percent unadjusted and 10.4 percent seasonally adjusted.

Every one of the major metropolitan areas in the State experienced a larger unemployment rate in January compared to December. Laredo again recorded the highest rate among the areas at 27.3 percent. McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg posted a 20.5 percent rate and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito was at 17.7 percent. The lowest rate among the areas was 4.2 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin followed at 4.7 percent and Abilene and San Angelo were both at 5.0 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SHARPLY

A rather sizeable decrease was noted in wage and salary employment from December to January. The losses were widespread, although retail trade did absorb the bulk of the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,450	31,050	37,500	67,800	68,450	71,700	88,450	90,250	89,150
Manufacturing	1,750	1,800	2,400	16,550	16,550	19,250	11,250	11,400	11,850
Mining	1,350	1,350	1,600	4,450	4,450	5,100	650	650	600
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800	4,400	4,650	4,700	3,950	4,150	3,450
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	4,200	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,700	4,850	5,250
Trade	9,600	10,150	14,050	17,100	17,400	17,500	26,000	26,350	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,750	2,600	5,100	5,100	4,800
Services & Misc.	4,950	5,000	5,150	11,000	11,150	11,250	16,900	16,900	17,400
Government	6,650	6,600	6,900	7,700	7,700	7,500	19,900	20,850	19,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	79,300	79,300	83,150	52,000	51,550	53,650	55,700	56,000	64,350
Manufacturing	8,700	8,900	10,700	4,150	4,150	4,800	6,800	6,900	10,050
Mining	1,650	1,700	2,000	13,850	13,400	14,600	8,300	7,950	10,000
Construction	5,650	5,700	5,900	4,200	4,250	4,200	5,150	5,250	6,050
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,750	3,050	3,000	2,950	3,000	3,050	3,300
Trade	26,150	26,200	28,800	10,800	10,950	11,700	15,150	15,650	17,950
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,050	2,850	3,350	3,250	2,700	2,350	2,350	2,150
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,800	10,400	8,050	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,050	8,550
Government	21,500	21,250	19,750	4,550	4,550	4,700	6,950	6,800	6,300
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,100	36,400	36,950	420,500	422,500	417,700	33,350	33,700	35,750
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	6,400	48,600	48,800	53,100	10,700	10,750	12,350
Mining	700	700	1,200	3,200	3,200	3,300	250	250	250
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,150	27,200	27,200	25,400	1,400	1,450	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,200	18,400	18,700	2,400	2,350	2,350
Trade	8,800	9,150	8,550	107,400	109,400	106,600	6,950	7,200	7,050
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,450	1,450	1,450	28,900	28,900	28,100	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,000	90,900	90,900	87,500	5,750	5,800	6,050
Government	6,450	6,400	6,400	96,100	95,700	95,000	4,700	4,700	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,150	45,450	44,000	55,300	55,650	56,750	70,450	70,900	70,850
Manufacturing	8,250	8,400	8,350	11,000	11,050	12,800	14,600	14,050	15,700
Mining	200	200	150	3,150	3,200	4,050	--	--	--
Construction	1,950	1,950	1,550	2,400	2,450	2,200	3,300	3,400	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,150	2,200	2,200	2,700	2,750	2,600	3,400	3,450	3,400
Trade	10,850	11,150	10,250	14,750	14,800	14,450	17,600	17,900	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,100	3,050	2,900	4,400	4,500	4,450
Services & Misc.	7,350	7,350	7,400	10,800	10,950	10,700	15,550	15,850	15,650
Government	12,800	12,600	12,500	7,400	7,400	7,050	11,600	11,750	11,250
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,550	52,800	55,800						
Manufacturing	8,450	8,350	11,200						
Mining	3,400	3,350	4,150						
Construction	2,050	2,100	2,150						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,050	3,050	2,800						
Trade	13,350	13,650	13,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,550	2,450						
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,950	8,750						
Government	10,750	10,800	10,900						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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downturn. Automotive dealers and service stations was the only retail trade industry to increase employment. Lower interest rates and aggressive sales efforts by U. S. auto makers benefitted automotive dealers. Elsewhere, however, the outlook was bleak. Apparel and accessory stores sustained the largest reduction among the retail segments, closely followed the other retail trade category and general merchandise stores. The release of temporary and part-time help also led to a substantial drop in food stores and in building materials and garden supplies. In addition to the losses in retail trade, wholesale trade was down moderately also. The decline in trade amounted to nearly 57 percent of the overall drop in wage and salary employment.

Manufacturing continued on its downward path with reductions evenly split between the durable and nondurable goods categories. Losses were spread throughout the durable goods sector, but were most notable in nonelectrical machinery, primary metal

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1983*	Dec. 1982**	Jan. 1982**	Change From Dec. 1982	Change From Jan. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,168,700	6,219,700	6,271,700	- 51,000	-103,000
Manufacturing	999,700	1,005,900	1,107,800	- 6,200	-108,100
Durable Goods	580,000	583,100	674,500	- 3,100	- 94,500
Lumber & Wood Products	37,700	37,700	34,800	0	2,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,500	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,200	15,700	16,400	- 500	- 1,200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,800	44,700	44,000	100	800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	21,100	21,200	19,700	- 100	1,400
Primary Metal Industries	36,800	37,600	51,300	- 800	- 14,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	87,000	87,100	102,900	- 100	- 15,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,200	45,300	53,100	- 100	- 7,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	147,200	149,100	199,700	- 1,900	- 52,500
Oil Field Machinery	49,800	50,800	88,700	- 1,000	- 38,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,200	99,100	103,400	1,100	- 3,200
Transportation Equipment	74,200	75,000	82,700	- 800	- 8,500
Aircraft & Parts	38,900	39,100	40,500	- 200	- 1,600
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,700	25,800	- 300	- 2,400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,400	13,500	100	0
Nondurable Goods	419,700	422,800	433,300	- 3,100	- 13,600
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	98,300	97,600	- 1,100	- 400
Meat Products	26,700	26,700	26,300	0	400
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	11,000	11,200	10,900	- 200	100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,300	3,400	- 100	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,500	5,600	- 200	- 300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	63,200	63,600	69,900	- 400	- 6,700
Paper & Allied Products	21,900	22,000	22,800	- 100	- 900
Printing & Publishing	66,300	67,300	66,500	- 1,000	- 200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,100	34,700	33,500	- 600	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,900	81,400	84,400	- 500	- 3,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	44,700	44,400	42,300	300	2,400
Petroleum Refining	42,100	41,700	39,300	400	2,800
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,300	11,300	- 200	- 2,200
Other Nondurable Goods	31,100	31,000	32,900	100	- 1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,169,000	5,213,800	5,163,900	- 44,800	5,100
Mining	296,100	297,800	324,200	- 1,700	- 28,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	286,600	288,300	313,700	- 1,700	- 27,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	10,500	0	- 1,000
Construction	404,700	409,100	414,700	- 4,400	- 10,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,900	377,900	389,000	0	- 11,100
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,700	29,000	- 500	- 3,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	177,700	177,700	189,900	0	- 12,200
Transportation by Air	36,400	36,200	38,500	200	- 2,100
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	95,200	94,900	94,400	300	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	79,600	75,700	200	4,100
Electric Services	44,600	44,200	41,300	400	3,300
Gas Production & Distribution	30,200	30,400	29,500	- 200	700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,528,400	1,557,400	1,546,800	- 29,000	- 18,400
Wholesale Trade	431,500	433,500	452,000	- 2,000	- 20,500
Retail Trade	1,096,900	1,123,900	1,094,800	- 27,000	2,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	46,500	47,000	44,600	- 500	1,900
General Merchandise Stores	146,200	153,500	153,600	- 7,300	- 7,400
Food Stores	191,500	195,000	191,800	- 3,500	- 300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	123,600	122,900	126,200	700	- 2,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,300	88,700	84,400	- 8,400	- 4,100
Other Retail Trade	508,800	516,800	494,200	- 8,000	14,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	370,700	368,200	356,400	2,500	14,300
Banking	100,900	100,600	96,800	300	4,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,100	120,000	117,800	100	2,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	149,700	147,600	141,800	2,100	7,900
Services	1,157,200	1,161,500	1,120,600	- 4,300	36,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	65,400	66,500	68,100	- 1,100	- 2,700
Personal Services	73,700	74,100	68,900	- 400	4,800
Business & Repair Services	309,500	311,100	310,200	- 1,600	- 700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	45,800	46,500	41,200	- 700	4,600
Health Services	324,200	323,800	313,000	400	11,200
Educational Services	59,900	60,000	52,400	- 100	7,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	278,700	279,500	266,800	- 800	11,900
Total Government	1,034,000	1,041,900	1,012,200	- 7,900	21,800
Total Federal Government	173,500	174,400	169,500	- 900	4,000
Total State Government	230,500	237,600	220,800	- 7,100	9,700
Total Local Government	630,000	629,900	621,900	100	8,100

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,350	77,850	75,950	98,400	98,000	91,150	306,050	306,650	286,750
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,500	3,150	5,750	5,450	6,600	14,250	13,550	14,700
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.5	4.1	5.8	5.6	7.2	4.7	4.4	5.1
Total Employment 2/	75,350	74,350	72,800	92,650	92,550	84,550	291,800	293,100	272,050
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	188,350	184,500	182,700	88,250	84,450	88,400	50,200	51,600	46,750
Total Unemployment	28,000	24,300	14,700	15,600	12,750	10,050	2,100	1,900	1,500
Percent Unemployed	14.9	13.2	8.0	17.7	15.1	11.4	4.2	3.7	3.2
Total Employment 2/	160,350	160,200	168,000	72,650	71,700	78,350	48,100	49,700	45,250
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3/]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	168,750	165,400	159,550	1,742.1	1,730.2	1,637.7	195,900	192,800	187,150
Total Unemployment	16,100	13,650	10,150	105.5	90.8	87.7	26,000	22,050	17,150
Percent Unemployed	9.5	8.3	6.4	6.1	5.2	5.4	13.3	11.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	152,650	151,750	149,400	1,636.6	1,639.4	1,550.0	169,900	170,750	170,000
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3/]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,000	91,250	86,450	1,809.5	1,779.9	1,714.6	71,450	70,700	66,550
Total Unemployment	12,900	11,350	7,400	164.4	141.0	79.6	4,550	4,000	4,150
Percent Unemployed	13.9	12.4	8.6	9.1	7.9	4.6	6.4	5.7	6.2
Total Employment 2/	80,100	79,900	79,050	1,645.1	1,638.9	1,635.0	66,900	66,700	62,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	43,150	41,250	40,900	81,500	80,400	77,400	107,300	108,000	101,950
Total Unemployment	11,800	9,800	4,500	10,200	9,150	5,250	6,150	4,850	4,400
Percent Unemployed	27.3	23.8	11.0	12.5	11.4	6.8	5.7	4.5	4.3
Total Employment 2/	31,350	31,450	36,400	71,300	71,250	72,150	101,150	103,150	97,550
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	120,000	116,300	111,750	65,350	63,600	64,200	73,000	71,600	78,050
Total Unemployment	24,650	21,250	15,650	3,650	2,900	3,600	5,950	4,850	3,550
Percent Unemployed	20.5	18.3	14.0	5.6	4.6	5.6	8.2	6.8	4.5
Total Employment 2/	95,350	95,050	96,100	61,700	60,700	60,600	67,050	66,750	74,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,550	47,300	46,250	483,700	475,900	456,500	40,200	39,900	40,150
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,150	2,100	32,500	27,050	27,700	4,050	3,850	3,050
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.5	4.5	6.7	5.7	6.1	10.1	9.6	7.6
Total Employment 2/	45,150	45,150	44,150	451,200	448,850	428,800	36,150	36,050	37,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,550	51,400	48,600	75,050	73,850	73,900	85,550	85,250	81,600
Total Unemployment	5,400	4,900	4,850	5,450	4,550	6,050	5,800	5,600	4,800
Percent Unemployed	10.3	9.5	10.0	7.3	6.2	8.2	6.8	6.6	5.9
Total Employment 2/	47,150	46,500	43,750	69,600	69,300	67,850	79,750	79,650	76,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS[3/]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,750	66,900	66,650				7,589.1	7,495.4	7,169.3
Total Unemployment	5,400	4,800	3,350				645.7	556.9	426.1
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.2	5.0				8.5	7.4	5.9
Total Employment 2/	62,350	62,100	63,300				6,943.4	6,938.5	6,743.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1983±	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983±	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983±	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$356.00	$359.16	$323.29	40.5	41.0	37.9	$8.79	$8.76	$8.53
Durable Goods	353.50	359.57	325.35	40.4	41.0	37.7	8.75	8.77	8.63
Lumber & Wood Products	238.85	237.19	191.50	38.9	39.4	31.6	6.14	6.02	6.06
Furniture & Fixtures	222.97	232.76	199.58	37.6	38.6	34.0	5.93	6.03	5.87
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	346.68	336.26	280.76	45.2	43.5	36.7	7.67	7.73	7.65
Primary Metal Industries	411.86	403.10	386.86	38.6	38.1	36.6	10.67	10.58	10.57
Fabricated Metal Products	350.27	355.02	326.37	39.4	39.8	37.6	8.89	8.92	8.68
Machinery, Exc. Electric	356.13	369.46	365.57	40.7	41.7	40.8	8.75	8.86	8.96
Oil Field Machinery	433.84	476.67	454.03	41.2	44.3	44.6	10.53	10.76	10.18
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	352.55	346.00	301.88	40.2	40.0	37.5	8.77	8.65	8.05
Transportation Equipment	479.25	499.40	382.72	42.6	44.0	36.8	11.25	11.35	10.40
Aircraft & Parts	495.76	502.85	423.54	42.3	43.2	39.0	11.72	11.64	10.86
Instr. & Related Products	284.93	311.62	249.61	37.1	39.9	36.6	7.68	7.81	6.82
Misc. Mfg. Industries	251.08	266.90	202.01	36.6	40.5	33.5	6.86	6.59	6.03
Nondurable Goods	359.79	357.06	320.95	40.7	40.9	38.3	8.84	8.73	8.38
Food & Kindred Products	312.28	305.95	287.85	42.2	42.2	40.6	7.40	7.25	7.09
Meat Products	291.45	261.87	299.44	42.3	40.6	42.9	6.89	6.45	6.98
Malt Beverages	591.55	626.84	549.70	41.6	43.5	41.3	14.22	14.41	13.31
Textile Mill Products	255.07	271.49	205.09	42.3	44.8	37.7	6.03	6.06	5.44
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	179.73	172.06	138.87	37.6	36.3	29.8	4.78	4.74	4.66
Paper & Allied Products	401.76	413.71	344.76	43.2	44.2	40.8	9.30	9.36	8.45
Printing & Publishing	309.04	322.62	290.65	37.1	39.2	37.6	8.33	8.23	7.73
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	549.78	549.44	521.90	42.0	42.2	42.5	13.09	13.02	12.28
Petroleum & Coal Products	592.35	568.38	551.09	42.8	42.8	44.3	13.94	13.28	12.44
Petroleum Refining	615.62	589.58	577.02	42.9	42.6	44.8	14.35	13.84	12.88
Leather & Leather Products	202.40	188.05	173.53	39.3	38.3	33.5	5.15	4.91	5.18
Other Nondurable Goods	338.19	361.40	285.64	41.7	43.7	38.6	8.11	8.27	7.40
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	500.24	465.23	436.70	48.1	45.3	44.2	10.40	10.27	9.88
Oil & Gas Extraction	502.73	467.17	440.00	48.2	45.4	44.4	10.43	10.29	9.91
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	433.86	415.15	349.13	45.1	43.7	39.9	9.62	9.50	8.75
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	391.93	390.53	381.10	38.5	38.4	40.2	10.18	10.17	9.48
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	416.58	407.38	396.15	41.7	41.4	41.7	9.99	9.84	9.50
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.47	228.01	218.40	34.1	34.6	33.6	6.70	6.59	6.50
Wholesale Trade	347.41	342.54	325.70	39.3	39.6	39.1	8.84	8.65	8.33
Retail Trade	181.44	184.43	174.27	32.0	32.7	31.4	5.67	5.64	5.55
General Mdse. Stores	171.05	172.92	138.32	31.5	33.0	28.0	5.43	5.24	4.94
Banking	238.89	231.42	213.38	38.1	38.0	37.7	6.27	6.09	5.66

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$348.13	$353.33	$292.94	40.2	40.8	35.9	$8.66	$8.66	$8.16
Durable Goods	363.49	372.91	306.59	39.9	40.8	35.9	9.11	9.14	8.54
Nondurable Goods	315.70	312.07	263.16	41.0	40.9	36.0	7.70	7.63	7.31
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	434.93	438.90	426.38	40.8	42.0	42.3	10.66	10.45	10.08
Durable Goods	399.17	403.19	407.35	39.6	41.1	42.3	10.08	9.81	9.63
Nondurable Goods	495.62	499.10	461.67	42.8	43.4	42.2	11.58	11.50	10.94
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	262.10	263.74	240.24	40.2	40.7	39.0	6.52	6.48	6.16
Durable Goods	286.75	280.44	257.74	41.2	41.0	38.7	6.96	6.84	6.66
Nondurable Goods	239.95	247.65	222.44	39.4	40.4	39.3	6.09	6.13	5.66

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

industries, and transportation equipment. Electric and electronic equipment posted the largest gain, with small gains experienced in stone, clay and glass products and miscellaneous manufacturing industries. The nondurable goods sector fared no better with sizeable losses in food and kindred products and printing and publishing. The only increases in nondurable goods were small upturns in petroleum and coal products and other nondurable goods.

Mining employment continued to tumble downward with all of the decline centered in oil and gas extraction. Construction fell with losses in all sectors. Inclement weather affected construction employment in some areas of the State. Transportation and public utilities was unchanged overall from December to January. Within the industry, however, a drop in transportation was offset by gains in communication and electric, gas and sanitary services.

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All segments of finance, insurance and real estate recorded employment gains, although 84 percent of the upturn occurred in real estate. An easing of interest rates sparked activity in the real estate sector. Reductions were spread throughout services with the largest cutbacks evident in business and repair services and hotels and other lodging places. A small increase was posted in health services, although it hardly made a dent in the losses absorbed throughout the remainder of services. A sizeable decrease was seen in government over the month, but the largest part of the decline was due to the semester break at state colleges and universities. Federal employment fell moderately due to the release of seasonal hires by the postal service.

MANUFACTURING HOURS DOWN, EARNINGS ADVANCE

The average number of weekly hours worked by a manufacturing production worker in Texas dropped from 41.0 in December to 40.5 in January. Average hourly earnings crept upward by three cents over the same period. The average weekly wage actually declined by $3.16, however, due to the decrease in hours worked. The total number of manufacturing production workers in the State dwindled from 722,500 in December to 716,400 in January. One year ago there were 800,300 such workers. Durable goods industries employed 423,500 production workers in January, while nondurable goods industries employed 292,900 workers.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,433,800	14,988,600
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.1	1.3
UI Covered Employers	288,025	273,522
Total Claims Actions	878,549	376,320
Total Initial Claims Actions	93,425	57,126
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	785,124	319,194
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$131.77	$110.40
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$94,111,608	$23,825,513
Total Placements	28,646	26,766

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT REACHES NEW HIGH

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	109,647.0	109,779.0	108,324.0
Unemployment	12,382.0	12,517.0	10,378.0
Percent Unemployed	11.3	11.4	9.6
Total Employment	97,265.0	97,262.0	97,946.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,553.0	110,549.0	109,364.0
Unemployment	11,490.0	11,446.0	9,669.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.4	8.8
Total Employment	99,063.0	99,103.0	99,695.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,543.3	7,589.1	7,236.0
Unemployment	665.8	645.7	421.3
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.5	5.8
Total Employment	6,877.5	6,943.4	6,814.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,569.0	7,616.0	7,262.0
Unemployment	669.0	623.0	422.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.2	5.8
Total Employment	6,900.0	6,993.0	6,840.0

Recovery from the current recession in Texas will not be quick as oil prices continue to fall leading employment in mining and manufacturing to drop also. The total number of unemployed in the State climbed to a record high 665,800, up 20,100 from mid-January to mid-February. While unemployment was growing, total employment took a plunge as 65,900 individuals lost their jobs over the same period.

The State's actual unemployment rate increased from 8.5 percent in January to a new high of 8.8 percent for the current historical series, which goes back through 1970. Although still below the National actual unemployment rate of 11.3 percent for February, the Texas rate rose three-tenths of a percent over the month while the U.S. rate fell by one-tenth of a percent. The February seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation was 10.4 percent compared to 8.8 percent for Texas.

Most of the major metropolitan areas in the State also experienced some increase in their unemployment rates. Laredo once again reported the highest rate among the major areas at 28.6 percent. McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg at 21.0 percent and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito at 17.3 percent followed Laredo. All of these areas have been severely affected by the peso devaluation in Mexico and here, too, recovery will be long term. At the other end of the spectrum, Bryan-College Station had the lowest rate at 4.2 percent. Other areas with low unemployment rates were Austin, 5.1 percent; San Angelo, 5.5 percent; and Abilene, 5.7 percent.

DECREASE RECORDED IN WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

A small decline was noted in Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment from January to February as cutbacks continued in the trade sector. Altogether over 10,000 jobs were lost in trade over the month with over 90 percent of the reduction in retail trade. General merchandise stores absorbed the bulk of the decline. Seasonal slack

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,400	60,400	60,600	78,100	78,400	74,500	271,100	268,500	265,900
Manufacturing	6,700	6,800	6,000	10,600	10,600	10,100	33,100	33,200	32,800
Mining	5,000	5,000	5,900	2,000	2,200	2,200	800	800	900
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,000	3,200	3,500	14,400	14,700	14,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,200	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,600	7,800	7,900	8,100
Trade	15,600	15,700	16,600	23,900	24,200	21,700	61,600	61,100	59,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	2,900	4,100	4,100	3,900	17,100	17,100	16,400
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,700	13,500	14,900	14,700	13,800	53,400	53,400	51,000
Government	9,600	9,500	9,100	13,100	12,900	12,700	82,900	80,300	83,400
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,900	146,500	151,600	58,200	58,200	65,800	43,900	41,900	44,400
Manufacturing	34,000	34,200	37,300	8,900	8,900	12,000	3,100	3,000	3,500
Mining	2,400	2,400	2,700	100	100	200	1,600	1,600	2,000
Construction	10,300	10,600	12,100	3,400	3,500	4,400	2,600	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,700	12,600	12,800	3,500	3,500	3,800	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	33,900	34,000	34,200	16,800	16,800	19,200	9,000	8,900	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,700	3,000	2,900	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,400	26,500	10,300	10,200	10,400	6,000	5,900	5,900
Government	20,500	20,500	20,300	12,200	12,300	12,800	17,800	16,000	17,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,700	133,300	136,800	1,537.6	1,532.0	1,521.4	164,000	162,800	169,700
Manufacturing	14,600	14,700	16,300	306.9	307.2	325.3	37,300	36,600	40,600
Mining	9,100	9,200	9,800	32.9	32.7	31.9	--	--	--
Construction	12,400	12,300	12,700	81.7	81.2	79.8	7,600	7,500	8,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,700	7,700	8,000	96.6	96.3	100.0	10,500	10,400	10,800
Trade	32,000	32,000	33,200	414.0	417.3	403.5	39,600	40,400	42,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,400	6,300	116.9	116.7	113.7	7,700	7,700	7,700
Services & Misc.	24,300	24,500	24,400	306.5	301.3	286.0	27,400	26,900	27,000
Government	27,200	26,500	26,100	182.1	179.3	181.2	33,900	33,300	33,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,000	68,300	70,900	1,548.5	1,555.0	1,630.9	60,100	60,100	58,700
Manufacturing	10,800	11,000	11,900	233.6	235.5	273.4	7,900	7,800	8,100
Mining	900	900	900	102.2	102.0	117.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,700	4,700	5,100	137.3	139.8	147.9	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,300	6,300	6,900	106.1	106.5	113.3	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	12,600	12,700	13,100	371.8	374.5	384.0	13,400	13,500	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,500	4,600	99.7	99.7	97.4	2,300	2,300	2,200
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,100	10,300	319.5	318.7	322.4	11,100	11,200	10,600
Government	18,100	18,100	18,100	178.3	178.3	174.8	19,100	19,000	18,300

[2] In thousands.

plus sagging economic conditions caused employers in the segment to sharply cut their payrolls. Losses were also widespread in apparel and accessory stores. Automotive dealers and service stations posted a moderate decline, while food stores dropped only slightly. Building materials and garden supplies managed the only gain in the retail trade sector as good weather aided the normal seasonal increase. Wholesale trade fared better than retail over the month as it fell modestly. Wholesale trade has not been so fortunate over most of the past few months, however. Cutbacks in wholesale trade have been prevalent in the machinery and metal segments in recent months and employment in wholesale trade is 22,600 jobs below the year ago level.

While trade suffered the largest downturn, other sectors also realized declines. Construction lost 3,600 jobs, but falling interest rates will do much to change the outlook for this industry as will the onset of warmer and more favorable weather for construction activity. Mining took another downturn with all of the loss occurring in the oil and gas extraction portion. Unfortunately, no immediate change is expected within this industry sector.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**
		LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK	
TOTAL	30,500	30,500	37,000	67,700	67,800	72,100	89,000	88,500	89,900
Manufacturing	1,700	1,800	2,100	16,500	16,500	19,300	11,400	11,300	11,800
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,700	4,500	4,500	5,100	600	600	600
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800	4,400	4,400	4,700	3,700	4,000	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	4,200	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,700	4,700	5,200
Trade	9,600	9,600	13,800	17,000	17,100	17,500	25,800	26,000	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,600	5,100	5,100	4,800
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	5,100	11,000	11,000	11,500	17,100	16,900	17,600
Government	6,700	6,600	6,900	7,700	7,700	7,600	20,600	19,900	20,200
		MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	79,000	79,300	83,500	51,900	52,200	54,600	55,400	55,600	64,500
Manufacturing	8,600	8,700	10,700	4,300	4,200	5,000	6,600	6,800	9,800
Mining	1,600	1,700	2,000	13,500	13,900	14,700	8,400	8,300	9,900
Construction	5,600	5,600	5,900	4,200	4,200	4,400	5,200	5,200	6,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	3,000	3,100	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,300
Trade	25,900	26,200	29,000	10,800	10,800	11,800	14,900	15,100	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,000	2,800	3,400	3,300	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,100
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	10,300	8,100	8,100	8,100	8,100	8,000	8,800
Government	21,600	21,500	20,000	4,600	4,600	4,700	6,900	6,900	6,400
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON	
TOTAL	35,900	35,900	37,200	420,300	419,400	418,800	33,200	33,300	35,600
Manufacturing	5,500	5,600	6,500	48,200	48,600	52,700	10,700	10,700	12,300
Mining	700	700	1,200	3,300	3,300	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200	27,100	27,100	25,900	1,400	1,400	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,300	18,300	18,700	2,400	2,400	2,300
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,600	106,100	106,600	105,500	6,900	6,900	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	28,900	28,900	28,400	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,300	7,100	91,500	90,800	89,300	5,700	5,800	6,000
Government	6,400	6,400	6,400	96,900	95,800	94,900	4,700	4,700	4,900
		TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO	
TOTAL	45,300	45,200	44,100	55,600	55,400	56,700	70,500	70,400	71,900
Manufacturing	8,200	8,300	8,400	11,100	11,100	12,900	14,600	14,600	15,800
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,200	3,800	--	--	--
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,700	2,700	2,600	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	10,900	10,800	10,200	14,700	14,700	14,200	17,300	17,600	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,100	3,100	2,900	4,500	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,500	10,900	10,800	10,800	15,700	15,500	16,200
Government	13,000	12,800	12,400	7,600	7,400	7,300	11,700	11,600	11,400
		WICHITA FALLS							
TOTAL	52,400	52,600	55,900						
Manufacturing	6,500	8,400	11,400						
Mining	3,300	3,400	4,100						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	2,900						
Trade	13,300	13,400	13,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,400						
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	8,900						
Government	10,800	10,700	10,900						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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Manufacturing employment fell slightly over the month, but there were encouraging signs. First of all, the decline was small after months of sizeable cutbacks. Secondly, some industries, such as primary metal industries and transportation equipment, which have not performed well in months actually did manage to post some gains.

Durable goods employment fell only modestly in spite of some sizeable reductions in fabricated metal products and nonelectrical machinery. Within nonelectrical machinery, drops were noted in oil field equipment and in refrigeration and heating equipment. Gains were evident in the construction related industries of lumber and wood products; furniture and fixtures; and stone, clay and glass products. Primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and electric and electronic equipment were all up from the prior month, although only modestly.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[≠]

INDUSTRY	Feb. 1983*	Jan. 1983**	Feb. 1982**	Change From Jan. 1983	Change From Feb. 1983
[‡]TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,158,400	6,162,800	6,302,300	- 4,400	-143,900
Manufacturing	999,900	1,001,600	1,109,100	- 1,700	-109,200
Durable Goods	581,400	582,100	675,500	- 700	- 94,100
Lumber & Wood Products	37,900	37,600	35,400	300	2,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,600	7,700	- 100	- 200
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	15,400	16,600	500	- 700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,200	44,700	44,200	500	1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	21,500	21,100	20,000	400	1,500
Primary Metal Industries	37,900	37,200	50,800	700	- 12,900
Fabricated Metal Industries	85,700	86,900	102,400	- 1,200	- 16,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,900	45,200	52,700	- 300	- 7,800
Machinery, Except Electrical	147,100	148,800	200,400	- 1,700	- 53,300
Oil Field Machinery	49,700	49,900	89,400	- 200	- 39,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,700	100,400	103,000	300	- 2,300
Transportation Equipment	74,200	74,100	82,900	100	- 8,700
Aircraft & Parts	38,700	38,900	40,600	- 200	- 1,900
Instruments & Related Products	23,500	23,500	26,200	0	- 2,700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,300	13,500	13,600	- 200	- 300
Nondurable Goods	418,500	419,500	433,600	- 1,000	- 15,100
Food & Kindred Products	96,300	97,200	98,000	- 900	- 1,700
Meat Products	26,300	26,600	26,300	- 300	0
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	10,900	11,000	10,900	- 100	0
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,500	0	- 300
Textile Mill Products	5,500	5,300	5,600	200	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	63,800	63,300	69,400	500	- 5,600
Paper & Allied Products	21,900	21,900	22,800	0	- 900
Printing & Publishing	66,700	66,600	67,200	100	- 500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,400	34,200	34,000	200	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,600	81,000	84,500	- 400	- 3,900
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,700	44,000	41,600	- 300	2,100
Petroleum Refining	41,000	41,400	38,600	- 400	2,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	11,400	0	- 2,300
Other Nondurable Goods	30,900	31,100	33,100	- 200	- 2,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,158,500	5,161,200	5,193,200	- 2,700	- 34,700
Mining	295,100	297,400	323,700	- 2,300	- 28,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	285,500	287,800	313,300	- 2,300	- 27,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,600	10,400	0	- 800
Construction	398,700	402,300	421,500	- 3,600	- 22,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,100	375,300	391,600	- 200	- 16,500
Railroad Transportation	24,700	24,700	28,400	0	- 3,700
Transportation, Except Railroads	176,600	177,300	192,000	- 700	- 15,400
Transportation by Air	36,100	36,300	38,600	- 200	- 2,500
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,700	93,400	95,100	300	- 1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,100	79,900	76,100	200	4,000
Electric Services	44,700	44,700	41,600	0	3,100
Gas Production & Distribution	30,300	30,200	29,600	100	700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,514,000	1,524,500	1,537,200	- 10,500	- 23,200
Wholesale Trade	430,100	430,900	452,700	- 800	- 22,600
Retail Trade	1,083,900	1,093,600	1,084,500	- 9,700	- 600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	46,800	46,100	45,100	700	1,700
General Merchandise Stores	138,100	145,500	146,800	- 7,400	- 8,700
Food Stores	191,400	191,600	192,100	- 200	- 700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,200	123,000	126,200	- 800	- 4,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,800	80,800	82,000	- 2,000	- 3,200
Other Retail Trade	506,600	506,600	492,300	0	14,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	367,900	368,100	358,100	- 200	9,800
Banking	100,700	100,700	97,400	0	3,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	119,200	119,500	118,300	- 300	900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	148,000	147,900	142,400	100	5,600
Services	1,161,900	1,157,500	1,136,300	4,400	25,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,700	66,800	70,000	900	- 2,300
Personal Services	73,900	73,900	69,900	0	4,000
Business & Repair Services	309,500	310,000	314,600	- 500	- 5,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,900	44,900	43,100	0	1,800
Health Services	325,400	324,000	314,600	1,400	10,800
Educational Services	60,900	59,600	55,500	1,300	5,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	279,600	278,300	268,600	1,300	11,000
Total Government	1,045,800	1,036,100	1,024,800	9,700	21,000
Total Federal Government	174,000	173,600	169,100	400	4,900
Total State Government	239,500	233,000	228,100	6,500	11,400
Total Local Government	632,300	629,500	627,600	2,800	4,700

[≠] Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. [‡] Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**	Feb.'83*	Jan.'83**	Feb.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,100	79,400	76,500	97,600	98,500	90,400	307,500	306,300	290,700
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,000	3,600	6,000	5,800	5,800	15,800	14,200	12,800
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.0	4.7	6.1	5.9	6.4	5.1	4.6	4.4
Total Employment 2/	74,600	75,400	72,900	91,600	92,700	84,600	291,700	292,100	277,900
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	186,300	188,300	180,300	87,100	88,300	88,200	51,900	50,300	50,500
Total Unemployment	28,700	28,000	15,200	15,100	15,600	9,700	2,200	2,100	1,700
Percent Unemployed	15.4	14.9	8.4	17.3	17.7	11.0	4.2	4.2	3.4
Total Employment 2/	157,600	160,300	165,100	72,000	72,700	78,500	49,700	48,200	48,800
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3/]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,200	168,900	161,100	1,732.6	1,744.2	1,648.4	195,700	196,200	189,000
Total Unemployment	17,200	16,100	10,000	105.9	105.3	83.1	26,400	26,100	18,800
Percent Unemployed	10.2	9.5	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.0	13.5	13.3	9.9
Total Employment 2/	152,000	152,800	151,100	1,626.7	1,638.9	1,565.3	169,300	170,100	170,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3/]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,200	93,100	88,400	1,789.0	1,805.1	1,735.0	71,000	71,500	67,300
Total Unemployment	13,200	12,900	8,000	172.8	164.7	80.8	4,600	4,600	4,300
Percent Unemployed	14.3	13.9	9.0	9.7	9.1	4.7	6.5	6.4	6.4
Total Employment 2/	79,000	80,200	80,400	1,616.2	1,640.4	1,654.2	66,400	66,900	63,000
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	43,300	43,300	41,800	80,700	81,600	77,800	107,200	107,300	103,900
Total Unemployment	12,400	11,900	5,500	10,200	10,200	4,900	6,400	6,100	5,000
Percent Unemployed	28.6	27.5	13.2	12.6	12.5	6.3	6.0	5.7	4.8
Total Employment 2/	30,900	31,400	36,300	70,500	71,400	72,900	100,800	101,200	98,900
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	118,300	120,000	115,300	65,100	65,500	66,300	72,300	73,100	79,300
Total Unemployment	24,900	24,600	17,100	4,000	3,700	4,300	6,300	6,000	4,200
Percent Unemployed	21.0	20.5	14.8	6.1	5.6	6.5	8.7	8.2	5.3
Total Employment 2/	93,400	95,400	98,200	61,100	61,800	62,000	66,000	67,100	75,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,400	47,600	47,100	478,700	483,000	460,500	39,900	40,300	39,700
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,400	2,300	32,600	32,500	28,200	4,200	4,100	2,600
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	4.9	6.8	6.7	6.1	10.5	10.2	6.5
Total Employment 2/	44,800	45,200	44,800	446,100	450,500	432,300	35,700	36,200	37,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,100	52,600	49,000	74,900	75,100	72,500	41,400	41,600	38,300
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,500	4,900	5,300	5,500	3,900	4,300	4,200	1,900
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.5	10.0	7.1	7.3	5.4	10.4	10.1	5.0
Total Employment 2/	46,700	47,100	44,100	69,600	69,600	68,600	37,100	37,400	36,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS[3/]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	84,900	85,600	82,900	67,100	67,800	67,300	7,543.3	7,589.1	7,236.0
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,800	4,400	5,500	5,400	3,600	665.8	645.7	421.3
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.8	5.3	8.2	8.0	5.3	8.8	8.5	5.8
Total Employment 2/	79,100	79,800	78,500	61,600	62,400	63,700	6,877.5	6,943.4	6,814.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1983±	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1983±	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1983±	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$354.71	$355.59	$345.20	40.4	40.5	40.9	$8.78	$8.78	$8.44
Durable Goods	353.97	352.96	354.80	40.5	40.2	41.4	8.74	8.78	8.57
Lumber & Wood Products	236.90	240.47	229.51	38.9	39.1	38.9	6.09	6.15	5.90
Furniture & Fixtures	229.67	226.27	225.61	38.6	37.4	38.5	5.95	6.05	5.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	348.10	345.28	323.82	44.4	44.9	42.0	7.84	7.69	7.71
Primary Metal Industries	440.54	426.24	426.54	41.6	38.4	40.7	10.59	11.10	10.48
Fabricated Metal Products	348.38	349.87	351.02	39.1	39.4	41.2	8.91	8.88	8.52
Machinery, Exc. Electric	345.46	353.50	387.59	39.8	40.4	43.5	8.68	8.75	8.91
Oil Field Machinery	418.70	430.66	475.04	39.5	40.4	46.3	10.60	10.66	10.26
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	349.21	345.63	321.59	40.7	39.5	39.9	8.58	8.75	8.06
Transportation Equipment	481.53	473.89	434.72	42.5	41.9	41.6	11.33	11.31	10.45
Aircraft & Parts	495.76	497.54	476.55	42.3	42.2	43.6	11.72	11.79	10.93
Instr. & Related Products	295.22	288.02	261.20	37.8	37.6	37.8	7.81	7.66	6.91
Misc. Mfg. Industries	280.74	282.82	236.34	39.1	39.5	39.0	7.18	7.16	6.06
Nondurable Goods	355.85	358.22	328.82	40.3	40.8	40.1	8.83	8.78	8.20
Food & Kindred Products	306.45	311.01	288.81	41.3	42.2	41.2	7.42	7.37	7.01
Meat Products	288.96	287.28	282.81	42.0	42.0	42.4	6.88	6.84	6.67
Malt Beverages	588.22	591.55	609.96	40.4	41.6	43.6	14.56	14.22	13.99
Textile Mill Products	250.66	255.07	210.75	41.5	42.3	39.1	6.04	6.03	5.39
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	171.72	179.35	165.67	36.0	37.6	35.4	4.77	4.77	4.68
Paper & Allied Products	402.75	398.18	346.51	43.4	43.0	41.9	9.28	9.26	8.27
Printing & Publishing	318.78	326.27	295.66	38.5	39.5	38.1	8.28	8.26	7.76
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	546.62	548.47	515.73	41.6	41.9	42.1	13.14	13.09	12.25
Petroleum & Coal Products	575.79	573.08	545.15	42.4	41.8	43.3	13.58	13.71	12.59
Petroleum Refining	597.28	594.81	568.98	42.3	41.8	43.5	14.12	14.23	13.08
Leather & Leather Products	195.71	193.54	188.93	38.3	37.8	38.4	5.11	5.12	4.92
Other Nondurable Goods	351.85	343.51	316.63	42.7	42.2	42.5	8.24	8.14	7.45
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	451.26	468.75	441.45	43.1	44.6	45.0	10.47	10.51	9.81
Oil & Gas Extraction	452.55	470.08	442.80	43.1	44.6	45.0	10.50	10.54	9.84
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	412.56	409.02	392.94	43.2	43.1	44.4	9.55	9.49	8.85
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	381.14	383.00	384.94	38.0	38.3	39.4	10.03	10.00	9.77
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	415.71	414.66	396.33	41.2	41.8	41.5	10.09	9.92	9.55
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.81	229.82	222.61	34.1	34.2	34.3	6.71	6.72	6.49
Wholesale Trade	347.81	350.37	331.93	39.3	39.5	39.8	8.85	8.87	8.34
Retail Trade	182.33	181.44	177.51	32.1	32.0	32.1	5.68	5.67	5.53
General Mdse. Stores	170.85	171.84	142.93	30.4	31.3	28.7	5.62	5.49	4.98
Banking	236.88	237.88	215.18	37.9	38.0	37.1	6.25	6.26	5.80

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$345.93	$348.00	$324.01	39.4	40.0	40.3	$8.78	$8.70	$8.04
Durable Goods	363.40	364.29	343.51	39.5	39.9	40.7	9.20	9.13	8.44
Nondurable Goods	306.54	312.35	280.92	39.1	40.2	39.4	7.84	7.77	7.13
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	427.03	428.16	439.64	40.4	40.7	43.4	10.57	10.52	10.13
Durable Goods	392.44	390.84	422.67	39.6	39.8	43.8	9.91	9.82	9.65
Nondurable Goods	485.72	493.11	471.33	41.8	42.4	42.5	11.62	11.63	11.09
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	250.63	252.55	245.20	39.1	39.4	40.0	6.41	6.41	6.13
Durable Goods	274.22	271.76	269.84	39.8	39.5	40.7	6.89	6.88	6.63
Nondurable Goods	228.10	234.62	219.52	38.4	39.3	39.2	5.94	5.97	5.60

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Employment in nondurable goods fell moderately with food and kindred products reporting the most significant decline. Seasonal declines in sugar refining industries, fish and seafood, and preserved fruits and vegetables contributed to the decrease. Smaller losses were registered in chemical and allied products and petroleum and coal products. Modest gains were experienced in textile mill products, apparel and other textile products, and printing and publishing.

Employment in transportation and public utilities declined very slightly due to a reduction in transportation, except railroad. The loss was centered in trucking and warehousing and in water transportation. Small upturns were seen in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services. Only minor over-the-month changes were reported in finance, insurance and real estate. The largest change was a drop of 300 in insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

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Government employment had the largest advance of all the industry sectors. The majority of the increases, however, were in State and local educational institutions and represented the return of workers for the Spring school term. A sizeable upturn was also reported in services where three segments, health services, educational services, and other services, performed well. Health services rose with gains recorded in the hospital portion of the industry. Educational services climbed with the beginning of the new school term. The largest advances in other services were centered in individual and family social services and in job training and vocational rehabilitation services.

EARNINGS UNCHANGED, HOURS DOWN SLIGHTLY

The average weekly earnings of a manufacturing production worker in Texas declined by 88 cents from January to February. Average hourly earnings were constant over the period at $8.78, while weekly hours worked fell slightly from 40.5 in January to 40.4 in February. The total number of manufacturing production workers actually increased by a small amount over the month. In January there were 717,600 such workers and in February the level rose to 718,200 workers. A year ago there were 801,100 manufacturing production workers in Texas.

The most notable change in hours and earnings was seen in primary metal industries where weekly hours rose by 3.2 hours and hourly earnings fell by 51 cents. Malt beverages also had a significant change as hours worked fell by 1.2 hours and hourly earnings advanced by 34 cents.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,470,900	15,025,700
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.1	1.3
UI Covered Employers	288,025	274,279
Total Claims Actions	824,867	373,315
Total Initial Claims Actions	82,505	49,875
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	742,362	323,440
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$132.67	$113.92
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$92,169,164	$25,684,328
Total Placements	26,672	24,947

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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LITTLE MOVEMENT NOTED IN TEXAS LABOR FORCE

Very little change occurred in the Statewide civilian labor force estimates from mid-February to mid-March. Total employment declined by only 2,600 workers, a drop of less than four-hundredths of a percent. The number of unemployed persons also decreased slightly as total unemployment dropped by 1.6 percent. The net result was a drop of only one-tenth of a percent in the State's actual unemployment rate, from 8.8 percent in February to 8.7 percent in March.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	109,873.0	109,647.0	108,761.0
Unemployment	11,879.0	12,382.0	10,290.0
Percent Unemployed	10.8	11.3	9.5
Total Employment	97,994.0	97,265.0	98,471.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,484.0	110,553.0	109,478.0
Unemployment	11,381.0	11,490.0	9,881.0
Percent Unemployed	10.3	10.4	9.0
Total Employment	99,103.0	99,063.0	99,597.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,529.9	7,543.3	7,305.8
Unemployment	655.0	665.8	413.6
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.8	5.7
Total Employment	6,874.9	6,877.5	6,892.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,567.0	7,569.0	7,345.0
Unemployment	680.0	669.0	439.0
Percent Unemployed	9.0	8.8	6.0
Total Employment	6,887.0	6,900.0	6,906.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate moved very little also, but it moved upward from 8.8 percent in February to 9.0 percent in March. The fact that the seasonal rate rose slightly while the actual rate declined marginally indicated that the improvement shown by the drop in the actual rate was seasonal in nature. Good weather and increased outdoor activity contributed in a small way to the drop in the State's actual unemployment rate.

Nationally, the actual unemployment rate dropped from 11.3 percent in February to 10.8 percent in March. The seasonally adjusted rate for the United States slipped from 10.4 percent to 10.3 percent. Among the major metropolitan areas in Texas, Laredo had the highest unemployment rate in March at 28.8 percent. Mc-Allen-Pharr-Edinburg followed at 20.4 percent and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito was at 17.1 percent. The lowest rate was recorded at Bryan-College Station and was only 4.2 percent. Austin had a rate of 4.5 percent and Abilene was at 5.6 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT UP SLIGHTLY

A small gain was registered over the month in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment. Manufacturing industries combined to post a modest upturn, but it was the first gain in a year for the sector. The manufacturing sector last recorded an increase from January to February in 1982. Since then the sector has been on a downhill slide which took employment in manufacturing from a high of 1,109,100 in February 1982

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,400	60,300	60,700	78,000	78,000	75,100	270,600	271,100	268,300
Manufacturing	6,600	6,600	6,000	10,900	10,600	10,200	33,300	33,100	32,600
Mining	5,000	5,000	5,800	2,000	2,000	[illegible]	800	800	900
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,000	3,000	[illegible]	14,600	14,400	14,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200	6,400	6,400	6,500	7,900	7,800	8,100
Trade	15,600	15,600	16,500	23,600	23,900	21,800	60,900	61,600	59,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	4,100	4,100	3,900	17,200	17,100	16,500
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,700	13,500	15,100	14,900	14,000	53,500	53,400	52,100
Government	9,600	9,600	9,200	12,900	13,100	12,800	82,400	82,900	83,500
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	146,700	145,800	151,800	58,100	58,200	65,400	44,100	43,900	44,400
Manufacturing	34,400	33,900	37,300	8,800	8,900	11,800	3,100	3,100	3,500
Mining	2,300	2,400	2,600	100	100	200	1,600	1,600	1,900
Construction	10,500	10,300	12,400	3,400	3,400	4,200	2,800	2,600	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,400	12,700	12,400	3,500	3,500	3,900	2,000	2,000	1,800
Trade	34,100	33,900	34,400	16,800	16,800	19,000	8,900	9,000	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	26,600	26,300	26,600	10,300	10,300	10,600	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	20,600	20,500	20,400	12,200	12,200	12,700	17,900	17,800	17,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,500	133,700	137,200	1,548.1	1,537.7	1,530.0	164,200	164,000	170,200
Manufacturing	14,700	14,600	16,300	308.2	307.2	324.2	37,300	37,300	40,700
Mining	9,100	9,100	9,700	32.7	32.9	31.6	--	--	--
Construction	12,300	12,400	12,700	82.9	81.2	81.6	7,500	7,600	8,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,600	7,700	8,000	97.1	96.7	99.9	10,500	10,500	10,800
Trade	32,200	32,000	35,400	416.2	414.1	405.4	39,600	39,600	41,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,300	6,400	6,400	117.9	117.0	114.9	7,700	7,700	7,700
Services & Misc.	24,200	24,300	24,600	310.6	306.5	290.4	27,600	27,400	27,100
Government	27,100	27,200	26,100	182.5	182.1	182.0	34,000	33,900	33,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,400	68,000	71,200	1548.5	1546.1	1642.2	60,300	60,100	59,200
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	12,000	231.4	233.1	273.5	7,900	7,900	8,000
Mining	800	900	800	104.2	102.4	118.4	--	--	--
Construction	4,800	4,700	4,900	133.6	135.8	150.5	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,300	6,300	6,600	105.5	105.0	113.8	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	12,800	12,600	13,400	371.1	370.2	387.4	13,300	13,400	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	100.9	100.1	98.5	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,200	10,600	322.7	320.7	325.5	11,300	11,100	10,800
Government	18,100	18,100	18,300	179.1	178.8	174.6	19,100	19,100	18,400

[2] In thousands.

to a low of 1,000,400 in February 1983. For those of you keeping score, that is a decline of 103,700 jobs in manufacturing industries in a single year.

The recent increase, although small is encouraging because two industries which have not done well in the past year, transportation equipment and primary metal industries, were instrumental in the upswing. Transportation equipment rose on the strength of a gain in the motor vehicle and equipment segment, while primary metal industries experienced a more general improvement. Other industries which performed well over the month were electric and electronic equipment and leather and leather products. On a less positive note, nonelectrical machinery, the biggest loser in the past year, continued on its downhill path with cutbacks in oil field machinery and refrigeration and heating equipment. Other manufacturing industries with declines were food and kindred products and apparel and other textile products. Food products' employment fell due to a sizeable layoff in the preserved fruits and vegetable segment and employment in apparel was down due to temporary layoffs in effect at a few large firms.

Several nonmanufacturing industrial sectors did reasonably well from February to March. Chief among these sectors was services which rose due to increases in health services and other services and miscellaneous. All segments of health services were

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,400	30,500	36,800	67,700	67,700	72,500	89,200	88,900	89,300
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	2,100	16,600	16,500	19,100	11,400	11,300	11,800
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,700	4,500	4,500	5,000	600	600	600
Construction	1,500	1,500	2,000	4,400	4,400	4,900	3,700	3,700	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	4,200	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,700	4,700	5,000
Trade	9,600	9,600	13,400	16,900	17,000	17,600	25,700	25,800	26,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,100	5,100	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,900	5,000	5,100	11,000	11,000	11,700	17,300	17,100	17,700
Government	6,700	6,700	6,900	7,700	7,700	7,700	20,700	20,600	20,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	79,000	79,000	84,200	51,700	51,000	54,900	54,800	55,400	65,000
Manufacturing	8,800	8,600	10,400	4,300	4,200	4,900	6,400	6,600	9,700
Mining	1,600	1,600	2,000	13,200	13,500	14,600	8,000	8,400	9,900
Construction	5,600	5,600	5,900	4,200	4,200	4,400	5,300	5,200	6,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	3,000	3,200
Trade	25,700	25,900	29,500	10,800	10,000	11,900	14,700	14,900	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,400	3,400	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,200
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,900	10,600	8,200	8,100	8,300	8,000	8,100	8,900
Government	21,700	21,600	20,100	4,600	4,600	4,800	7,200	6,900	6,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,900	35,900	37,300	424,000	420,300	421,400	32,800	33,200	35,500
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	6,400	47,500	48,300	52,300	10,500	10,700	12,100
Mining	700	700	1,100	3,300	3,300	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300	27,600	27,000	26,300	1,300	1,400	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,200	18,200	18,700	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,700	108,200	106,000	106,900	6,800	6,900	7,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,500	29,100	28,900	28,600	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,400	7,100	92,800	91,600	90,000	5,700	5,700	6,100
Government	6,500	6,400	6,400	97,300	97,000	95,200	4,700	4,700	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,600	45,300	44,400	55,400	55,600	56,900	70,400	70,500	72,100
Manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,400	10,900	11,100	12,800	14,500	14,600	15,500
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,700	-	-	-
Construction	2,200	2,000	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,400	3,300	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,300	3,400	3,400
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,300	14,700	14,700	14,300	17,200	17,300	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,100	3,100	2,900	4,600	4,500	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,500	10,900	10,900	10,900	15,700	15,700	16,400
Government	13,000	13,000	12,500	7,600	7,600	7,300	11,700	11,700	11,500
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,400	52,600	56,000						
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	11,300						
Mining	3,300	3,300	4,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	2,900						
Trade	13,300	13,400	13,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,400						
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	9,000						
Government	10,800	10,800	11,000						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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up and the gain in other services was spread among educational services, museums, art galleries, botanical and zoological gardens, and membership organizations. Hotels and other lodging places was down moderately as declines were widespread within the segment.

Transportation and public utilities did surprisingly well over the month with a rather sizeable gain in transportation. Water and air transportation led in the advance with a small assist from communications. Finance, insurance and real estate climbed with modest upturns in insurance and real estate. Government employment increased with hiring in state and local government administrative agencies. Many of the new hires, however, were reportedly temporary.

Trade employment sustained a setback with a substantial drop in wholesale trade. The cutback was primarily located in the machinery, equipment and supplies segment of wholesale trade.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[/]

INDUSTRY	Mar. 1983*	Feb. 1983**	Mar. 1982**	Change From Feb. 1983	Change From Mar. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,163,100	6,161,100	6,332,400	2,000	-169,300
Manufacturing	1,001,300	1,000,400	1,105,000	900	-103,700
Durable Goods	583,900	582,100	672,400	1,800	- 88,500
Lumber & Wood Products	37,700	37,500	35,800	200	1,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,400	7,600	- 100	- 300
Furniture & Fixtures	15,800	15,800	16,400	0	- 600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	45,600	45,600	44,500	0	1,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	21,800	21,800	20,200	0	1,600
Primary Metal Industries	38,000	37,400	50,100	600	- 12,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	86,000	86,100	102,000	- 100	- 16,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,600	44,700	52,400	- 100	- 7,800
Machinery, Except Electrical	146,700	147,700	198,800	- 1,000	- 52,100
Oil Field Machinery	49,000	49,400	89,700	- 400	- 40,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	101,800	100,800	102,300	1,000	- 500
Transportation Equipment	75,200	74,200	82,600	1,000	- 7,400
Aircraft & Parts	38,800	38,700	40,500	100	- 1,700
Instruments & Related Products	23,600	23,500	26,300	100	- 2,700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,500	13,600	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	417,400	418,300	432,600	- 900	- 15,200
Food & Kindred Products	95,200	96,100	97,100	- 900	- 1,900
Meat Products	26,200	26,400	26,200	- 200	0
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	10,800	10,900	10,800	- 100	0
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,500	0	- 300
Textile Mill Products	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	63,200	63,800	68,200	- 600	- 5,000
Paper & Allied Products	21,900	21,900	22,700	0	- 800
Printing & Publishing	66,800	66,500	67,800	300	- 1,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,700	34,400	34,200	300	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,800	80,700	85,100	100	- 4,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,900	43,900	41,500	0	2,400
Petroleum Refining	41,200	41,200	38,700	0	2,500
Leather & Leather Products	9,400	9,000	11,400	400	- 2,000
Other Nondurable Goods	30,700	30,900	33,200	- 200	- 2,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,161,800	5,160,700	5,227,400	1,100	- 65,600
Mining	292,900	293,300	322,900	- 400	- 30,000
Oil & Gas Extraction	283,500	283,800	312,400	- 300	- 28,900
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,500	10,500	- 100	- 1,100
Construction	398,500	399,500	430,300	- 1,000	- 31,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,900	374,900	390,600	1,000	- 14,700
Railroad Transportation	24,600	24,600	27,900	0	- 3,300
Transportation, Except Railroads	177,600	176,700	191,500	900	- 13,900
Transportation by Air	36,300	35,900	38,300	400	- 2,000
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,600	93,500	94,700	100	- 1,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,100	80,100	76,500	0	3,600
Electric Services	44,700	44,700	41,900	0	2,800
Gas Production & Distribution	30,200	30,200	29,700	0	500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,513,300	1,515,100	1,547,200	- 1,800	- 33,900
Wholesale Trade	427,900	430,100	454,500	- 2,200	- 26,600
Retail Trade	1,085,400	1,085,000	1,092,700	400	- 7,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	47,900	47,000	46,500	900	1,400
General Merchandise Stores	139,700	139,200	147,300	500	- 7,600
Food Stores	191,700	191,300	192,700	400	- 1,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	121,500	122,000	127,400	- 500	- 5,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,000	78,900	82,900	100	- 3,900
Other Retail Trade	505,600	506,600	495,900	- 1,000	9,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	369,700	368,900	360,700	800	9,000
Banking	100,800	100,800	98,000	0	2,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	119,800	119,400	118,900	400	900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	149,100	148,700	143,800	400	5,300
Services	1,162,200	1,160,300	1,148,300	1,900	13,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	66,400	67,100	71,200	- 700	- 4,800
Personal Services	74,300	74,100	70,800	200	3,500
Business & Repair Services	308,300	308,700	317,000	- 400	- 8,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	45,000	44,900	45,700	100	- 700
Health Services	326,300	325,300	317,200	1,000	9,100
Educational Services	61,200	61,100	55,400	100	5,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	280,700	279,100	271,000	1,600	9,700
Total Government	1,049,300	1,048,700	1,027,400	600	21,900
Total Federal Government	173,900	174,400	169,400	- 500	4,500
Total State Government	240,300	239,300	228,700	1,000	11,600
Total Local Government	635,100	635,000	629,300	100	5,800

[/] Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**	Mar.'83*	Feb.'83**	Mar.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,000	79,200	76,900	96,700	97,600	91,000	303,700	307,500	295,400
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,500	3,400	5,700	6,000	5,500	13,800	15,700	13,200
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.7	4.4	5.9	6.1	6.0	4.5	5.1	4.5
Total Employment 2/	74,600	74,700	73,500	91,000	91,600	85,500	289,900	291,800	282,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	184,900	186,400	179,400	86,100	87,100	87,400	51,900	51,900	50,900
Total Unemployment	27,200	28,700	14,000	14,700	15,100	8,900	2,200	2,200	1,700
Percent Unemployed	14.7	15.4	7.8	17.1	17.3	10.2	4.2	4.2	3.3
Total Employment 2/	157,700	157,700	165,400	71,400	72,000	78,500	49,700	49,700	49,200
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,800	169,300	163,200	1,731.8	1,733.2	1,667.1	195,200	195,700	188,900
Total Unemployment	17,800	17,300	9,900	101.3	105.7	85.2	26,500	26,400	17,700
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.2	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.1	13.6	13.5	9.4
Total Employment 2/	152,000	152,000	153,300	1,630.5	1,627.5	1,581.9	168,700	169,300	171,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,900	92,200	88,400	1,783.8	1,787.5	1,759.5	70,900	71,000	67,400
Total Unemployment	12,500	13,200	7,300	175.1	173.3	85.4	4,400	4,600	3,600
Percent Unemployed	13.6	14.3	8.3	9.8	9.7	4.9	6.2	6.5	5.3
Total Employment 2/	79,400	79,000	81,100	1,608.7	1,614.2	1,674.1	66,500	66,400	63,800
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	43,400	43,300	41,600	80,100	80,800	78,500	107,600	107,300	104,600
Total Unemployment	12,500	12,400	5,300	9,700	10,200	5,000	6,200	6,400	4,500
Percent Unemployed	28.8	28.6	12.7	12.1	12.6	6.4	5.8	6.0	4.3
Total Employment 2/	30,900	30,900	36,300	70,400	70,600	73,500	101,400	100,900	100,100
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	117,000	118,200	113,000	64,300	64,100	66,000	71,700	72,300	81,400
Total Unemployment	23,900	24,800	15,200	3,800	3,900	3,400	6,900	6,300	5,600
Percent Unemployed	20.4	21.0	13.5	5.9	6.1	5.2	9.6	8.7	6.9
Total Employment 2/	93,100	93,400	97,800	60,500	60,200	62,600	64,800	66,000	75,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,700	47,500	47,700	480,600	479,300	461,600	39,300	40,000	40,100
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,600	2,600	32,300	32,600	24,700	4,200	4,300	3,000
Percent Unemployed	6.3	5.5	5.5	6.7	6.8	5.4	10.7	10.8	7.5
Total Employment 2/	44,700	44,900	45,100	448,300	446,700	436,900	35,100	35,700	37,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,900	52,100	49,200	74,200	74,900	72,500	41,200	41,400	38,500
Total Unemployment	5,000	5,400	4,600	5,100	5,300	3,300	4,200	4,300	1,800
Percent Unemployed	9.6	10.4	9.3	6.9	7.1	4.6	10.2	10.4	4.7
Total Employment 2/	46,900	46,700	44,600	69,100	69,600	69,200	37,000	37,100	36,700
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	84,200	84,900	82,900	66,200	67,100	68,600	7,529.9	7,543.3	7,305.8
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,800	3,900	5,000	5,500	4,200	655.0	665.8	413.6
Percent Unemployed	6.4	6.8	4.7	7.6	8.2	6.1	8.7	8.8	5.7
Total Employment 2/	78,800	79,100	79,000	61,200	61,600	64,400	6,874.9	6,877.5	6,892.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1983±	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983±	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983±	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$353.36	$354.24	$344.73	40.2	40.3	40.7	$8.79	$8.79	$8.47
Durable Goods	350.88	353.03	354.35	40.1	40.3	41.3	8.75	8.76	8.58
Lumber & Wood Products	240.17	240.07	232.66	38.8	39.1	39.5	6.19	6.14	5.89
Furniture & Fixtures	229.25	225.45	226.18	38.4	37.7	38.4	5.97	5.98	5.89
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	351.33	346.87	333.49	45.1	44.7	42.7	7.79	7.76	7.81
Primary Metal Industries	408.58	412.03	425.17	38.4	38.4	41.0	10.64	10.73	10.37
Fabricated Metal Products	348.27	350.56	352.64	39.0	39.3	41.1	8.93	8.92	8.58
Machinery, Exc. Electric	346.73	350.88	382.97	39.9	40.1	42.6	8.69	8.75	8.99
Oil Field Machinery	418.30	428.93	468.07	39.8	39.9	45.4	10.51	10.75	10.31
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	341.15	348.30	325.92	39.9	40.5	41.1	8.55	8.60	7.93
Transportation Equipment	469.53	478.68	430.44	40.9	42.1	40.8	11.48	11.37	10.55
Aircraft & Parts	491.99	496.60	469.36	41.8	42.3	43.1	11.77	11.74	10.89
Instr. & Related Products	304.58	303.41	261.89	39.3	38.7	38.4	7.75	7.84	6.82
Misc. Mfg. Industries	286.96	281.85	243.14	39.8	39.2	39.6	7.21	7.19	6.14
Nondurable Goods	357.54	354.97	329.94	40.4	40.2	39.8	8.85	8.83	8.29
Food & Kindred Products	306.20	305.78	283.91	41.1	41.1	40.5	7.45	7.44	7.01
Meat Products	277.84	284.00	276.30	41.1	41.4	41.3	6.76	6.86	6.69
Malt Beverages	582.00	642.93	610.72	39.7	43.5	44.0	14.66	14.78	13.88
Textile Mill Products	255.97	250.43	208.26	42.1	41.6	39.0	6.08	6.02	5.34
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	176.60	173.99	165.67	37.1	36.4	35.4	4.76	4.78	4.68
Paper & Allied Products	397.75	403.19	353.62	43.0	43.4	42.4	9.25	9.29	8.34
Printing & Publishing	326.14	318.06	294.91	39.2	38.6	38.3	8.32	8.24	7.70
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	542.19	547.04	519.16	41.2	41.6	41.8	13.16	13.15	12.42
Petroleum & Coal Products	573.40	569.42	556.41	42.1	41.9	43.3	13.62	13.59	12.85
Petroleum Refining	595.72	592.05	582.03	42.1	41.9	43.5	14.15	14.13	13.38
Leather & Leather Products	211.60	204.91	181.08	40.0	38.3	36.0	5.29	5.35	5.03
Other Nondurable Goods	351.12	349.78	322.06	42.0	42.5	42.6	8.36	8.23	7.56
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	443.41	448.42	454.71	42.8	43.2	45.2	10.36	10.38	10.06
Oil & Gas Extraction	444.69	448.67	456.52	42.8	43.1	45.2	10.39	10.41	10.10
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	405.72	412.97	398.61	43.3	43.7	45.4	9.37	9.45	8.78
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	382.91	380.90	378.80	38.1	37.9	40.0	10.05	10.05	9.47
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	399.34	404.48	394.70	41.0	41.4	41.2	9.74	9.77	9.58
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.81	227.81	224.01	34.3	33.9	34.2	6.70	6.72	6.55
Wholesale Trade	352.72	348.10	334.36	39.9	39.2	39.9	8.84	8.88	8.38
Retail Trade	182.25	179.99	178.08	32.2	31.8	31.8	5.66	5.66	5.60
General Mdse. Stores	173.04	168.52	150.09	30.9	30.2	29.2	5.60	5.58	5.14
Banking	234.00	236.63	215.63	37.5	37.8	37.5	6.24	6.26	5.75

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$350.40	$348.25	$323.60	40.0	39.8	40.5	$8.76	$8.75	$7.99
Durable Goods	365.88	365.88	343.60	39.9	39.9	41.1	9.17	9.17	8.36
Nondurable Goods	316.37	310.46	279.89	40.2	39.6	39.2	7.87	7.84	7.14
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	430.85	423.71	435.28	40.8	40.2	42.8	10.56	10.54	10.17
Durable Goods	393.78	384.55	417.10	40.1	39.2	43.0	9.82	9.81	9.70
Nondurable Goods	493.08	489.06	468.84	42.0	41.8	42.2	11.74	11.70	11.11
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.37	251.94	247.42	40.6	39.0	40.1	6.61	6.46	6.17
Durable Goods	284.01	275.42	271.89	40.4	39.8	40.4	7.03	6.92	6.73
Nondurable Goods	253.58	229.20	223.04	40.9	38.2	39.9	6.20	6.00	5.59

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Retail trade posted a small gain, but it was far short of offsetting the loss in the wholesale segment. Losses were also evident in the construction industry from February to March. The declines were noted in general building construction and special trade construction. Although falling interest rates have helped the industry substantially, over the month losses were recorded due to spells of rainy weather. Declines in oil field drilling continued to hamper employment in mining, although the losses reported from February to March were small. Oil and gas extraction employment inched downward as the slump in drilling failed to break. A slight drop was also registered in other mining activity in the State.

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HOURLY EARNINGS UNCHANGED AS WEEKLY HOURS WORKED DECLINED

An average production worker in manufacturing earned $8.79 an hour during March. This was the same rate received in February and was only 32 cents above the year ago hourly wage. The average number of hours worked in a week during March was 40.2 and was down from 40.3 in February. The March 1982 average was 40.7 hours. Thus the average weekly earnings of a production worker in Texas actually declined from $354.24 in February to $353.36 in March. The total number of production workers in the State also dropped over the month from 717,000 in February to 714,900 in March. There were 797,700 manufacturing production workers in the State in March 1982.

Most of the changes in average hourly earnings among the manufacturing industries were comparatively small. The largest advance was a gain of 13 cents per hour in the other nondurable goods category. The increase in the segment was caused by a layoff of lower paid employees in the rubber and miscellaneous plastics products portion of other nondurable goods. An upturn in hiring in the motor vehicles and equipment portion of transportation equipment led to a rise of 11 cents in the hourly earnings figure for the transportation equipment industry as a whole.

There were a few sizeable decreases in hours and earnings within manufacturing. Oil field machinery saw its average hourly earnings slip by 24 cents as overtime hours worked dwindled. Less overtime worked also affected hours and earnings in the meat products portion of food and kindred products, in transportation equipment, and in malt beverages. Meat products experienced a reduction of 0.3 hours and 10 cents over the month. Malt beverages was down 3.8 hours and 12 cents.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,650,400	15,062,800
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.0%	1.4%
UI Covered Employers	290,490	275,739
Total Claims Actions	927,441	459,530
Total Initial Claims Actions	85,592	61,747
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	841,849	397,783
Avg. Weekly Benefit amount	$133.34	$115.02
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$104,337,356	$32,259,552
Total Placements	37,008	36,572

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EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK IMPROVES

For the first time in several months there was a significant improvement in the Texas employment picture. A jump of over 47,000 workers was recorded in total employment as the State made its largest gain in employment since a seasonal jump from November to December 1982 of 47,200. While employment was climbing, total unemployment in Texas was dropping by 47,700. The number of unemployed in the State was at its lowest level since December 1982.

The rise in employment and the associated drop in unemployment led to a decline in the Statewide actual unemployment rate. The actual rate was 8.7 percent in March and it fell to 8.1 percent in April. The decline was substantial and was welcome, even though the rate is still well above the average for the month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State was 8.6 percent in April, down from 9.0 percent in March. The actual rate for the United States in April was 10.0 percent, a considerable improvement over the March rate of 10.8 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation, however, dropped only slightly from 10.3 in March to 10.2 in April.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	109,875.0	109,873.0	108,815.0
Unemployment	11,035.0	11,879.0	9,957.0
Percent Unemployed	10.0	10.8	9.2
Total Employment	98,840.0	97,994.0	98,858.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,786.0	110,484.0	109,740.0
Unemployment	11,328.0	11,381.0	10,256.0
Percent Unemployed	10.2	10.3	9.3
Total Employment	99,458.0	99,103.0	99,484.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,529.3	7,529.9	7,274.4
Unemployment	607.3	655.0	430.2
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.7	5.9
Total Employment	6,922.0	6,874.9	6,844.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,569.0	7,567.0	7,315.0
Unemployment	650.0	680.0	471.0
Percent Unemployed	8.6	9.0	6.4
Total Employment	6,919.0	6,887.0	6,844.0

Among the major labor market areas in the State there was a universal decline in unemployment. Two areas, Austin and Bryan-College Station, reported unemployment rates below 4.0 percent and a number of areas had rates between 5.0 and 6.0 percent. Laredo still had the highest rate among the metropolitan areas at 27.4 percent. McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito were at 19.0 and 16.2 percent respectively. In spite of the State's unemployment rate being over 8.0 percent, some areas actually reported rates this April which were below their year ago rates. Austin, Midland, San Angelo, San Antonio, Texarkana and Wichita Falls were all improved over their year ago positions.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'83*	Mar.'83**	Apr.'82**	Apr.'83*	Mar.'83**	Apr.'82**	Apr.'83*	Mar.'83**	Apr.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,500	60,400	61,500	78,200	78,300	74,900	270,900	270,900	269,600
Manufacturing	6,700	6,600	6,200	10,800	10,900	10,200	33,000	33,300	32,900
Mining	5,000	5,000	5,800	2,000	2,000	2,200	800	800	900
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,000	3,100	3,800	14,800	14,700	13,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,500	7,700	7,700	7,900
Trade	15,500	15,500	16,600	23,800	23,800	21,900	61,400	61,200	60,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	4,100	4,100	3,900	17,200	17,200	16,900
Services & Misc.	13,900	13,900	13,800	14,900	15,000	13,700	53,500	53,600	52,500
Government	9,600	9,600	9,300	13,100	12,900	12,700	82,500	82,400	83,900
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,500	146,700	151,500	58,000	58,200	65,200	43,800	44,100	44,200
Manufacturing	34,400	34,600	36,800	8,700	8,800	11,500	3,100	3,100	3,500
Mining	2,200	2,400	2,600	100	100	200	1,600	1,600	1,800
Construction	10,000	10,500	12,500	3,200	3,400	4,500	2,700	2,800	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,300	12,400	12,400	3,400	3,400	3,800	2,000	2,000	1,800
Trade	33,900	34,000	34,200	17,000	17,000	18,900	8,900	8,900	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	26,600	26,500	26,700	10,400	10,300	10,600	6,100	6,000	6,000
Government	20,300	20,500	20,500	12,200	12,200	12,700	17,600	17,900	17,300
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,600	133,500	137,600	1,561.3	1,548.3	1,544.7	165,000	164,600	169,400
Manufacturing	14,600	14,500	16,200	308.2	308.6	321.6	37,900	37,200	40,200
Mining	9,100	9,100	9,700	32.4	32.7	31.8	--	--	--
Construction	12,500	12,300	12,600	83.9	82.8	83.8	7,500	7,600	8,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,700	7,600	7,900	97.2	97.0	100.7	10,600	10,500	10,700
Trade	32,300	32,300	33,400	421.0	416.0	410.7	39,700	39,900	41,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,400	6,400	118.9	117.8	117.3	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,000	24,200	25,200	316.2	310.6	295.3	27,500	27,700	27,100
Government	27,000	27,100	26,200	183.5	182.8	183.5	34,000	33,900	33,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,300	68,400	70,900	1,544.6	1,548.3	1,643.2	61,000	60,300	59,600
Manufacturing	10,600	10,900	11,800	228.5	231.0	270.8	8,000	7,900	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.1	104.4	117.4	--	--	--
Construction	4,800	4,800	4,800	132.2	134.6	151.1	3,400	3,200	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,400	6,300	6,600	106.1	105.7	113.7	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	12,800	12,800	13,400	368.5	370.8	388.7	13,500	13,300	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	101.5	100.7	99.3	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,300	10,600	324.2	322.1	326.6	11,400	11,300	10,900
Government	18,100	18,100	18,300	178.5	179.0	175.6	19,200	19,100	18,600

[2] In thousands.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT STABLE

A very slight decline of 300 jobs was noted in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment over the month. A comparison with the year ago situation, however, reveals that over 167,000 jobs have been lost Statewide and that loss was centered in manufacturing. Over 100,000 jobs have disappeared in the manufacturing sector over the past twelve months, and the nonelectrical machinery sector has been responsible for about 55 percent of that decrease. Within nonelectrical machinery, the oil field equipment segment has dropped almost 44,000 jobs and has been the industry hardest hit by employment losses in the last year.

Nonelectrical machinery and its oil field machinery segment are a portion of the durable goods sector of manufacturing. From March to April manufacturing was down by 4,500 jobs; durable goods was down by 4,600 jobs; nonelectrical machinery was down by 4,800 jobs; and the oil field machinery segment slipped by 4,000 jobs. Even though the remainder of manufacturing industries performed reasonably well over the month, the sizeable decline in oil field machinery led to declines at the higher aggregated levels. The loss over the month was due to several large layoffs within the industry and was in step with a drop in oil and gas extraction employment.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr. '83*	Mar. '83**	Apr. '82**	Apr. '83*	Mar. '83**	Apr. '82**	Apr. '83*	Mar. '83**	Apr. '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,500	30,400	36,100	67,700	67,700	72,400	88,500	89,300	90,400
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	2,100	16,500	16,600	18,800	10,900	11,200	11,900
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,700	4,500	4,500	4,900	600	600	700
Construction	1,700	1,500	2,000	4,400	4,400	4,900	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,300	4,100	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,700	4,700	4,800
Trade	9,500	9,600	12,800	17,000	16,900	17,700	25,800	26,000	26,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,800	5,200	5,200	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	5,100	11,000	11,000	11,700	16,900	17,000	17,900
Government	6,700	6,700	6,900	7,700	7,700	7,800	20,600	20,800	20,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	78,400	79,000	82,800	52,200	52,200	54,900	54,800	54,700	63,900
Manufacturing	8,800	8,900	10,300	4,300	4,300	5,000	6,200	6,200	9,400
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,900	12,700	13,200	14,200	8,000	8,000	9,400
Construction	5,700	5,600	6,000	4,400	4,300	4,600	5,200	5,300	5,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,800	2,800	3,300
Trade	25,200	25,900	28,500	10,900	10,900	11,400	14,700	14,700	18,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,400	3,400	3,100	2,300	2,400	2,200
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,800	10,500	8,800	8,400	8,600	8,400	8,200	9,100
Government	21,600	21,600	19,900	4,600	4,600	4,900	7,200	7,100	6,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,700	35,900	37,200	428,200	424,000	422,000	33,100	32,500	35,100
Manufacturing	5,300	5,500	6,300	48,600	47,600	52,000	10,600	10,400	11,800
Mining	700	700	1,100	3,300	3,300	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,300	28,100	27,500	26,300	1,400	1,300	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,400	18,200	18,600	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,600	110,000	108,400	107,700	7,100	6,900	7,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,100	29,200	28,600	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,200	7,200	93,300	92,400	90,200	5,600	5,600	6,000
Government	6,500	6,400	6,400	97,400	97,400	95,200	4,700	4,600	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,600	45,500	44,800	55,500	55,700	57,400	71,000	70,500	72,500
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,500	10,800	11,100	12,600	14,900	14,500	15,700
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,700	--	--	--
Construction	2,300	2,200	1,900	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,400	3,400	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,500	14,800	14,700	14,500	17,400	17,300	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,400	11,000	10,900	11,200	15,700	15,700	16,400
Government	13,100	13,000	12,500	7,500	7,600	7,300	11,700	11,700	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,600	52,500	56,200						
Manufacturing	8,600	8,600	11,200						
Mining	3,200	3,300	4,000						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,000						
Trade	13,200	13,200	13,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,800	9,000						
Government	10,800	10,800	11,100						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

** Revised.

Most of the other industries in the durable goods sector of manufacturing performed fairly well. Almost all of the construction related segments were up and furniture and fixtures was down by only a minimal figure. Small losses were notched in electric and electronic equipment, transportation equipment, and instruments and related products.

The nondurable goods sector rose by the slightest amount and this was due largely to an increase in apparel and other textile products. The return of over 1,200 employees from temporary lay-offs in men's and boys' suits, coats and furnishings led to the upturn in apparel. Seasonal declines in preserved fruits and vegetables and grain mill products caused food and kindred products to decline. Paper and allied products dropped moderately due to the closing of a plant for repairs.

Mining employment fell as losses were reported in oil and gas extraction. Oil and gas field services were down considerably as conditions in petroleum industry

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	Apr. 1983*	Mar. 1983**	Apr. 1982**	Change From Mar. 1983	Change From Apr. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,162,100	6,162,400	6,329,700	- 300	-167,600
Manufacturing	994,500	999,000	1,094,800	- 4,500	-100,300
Durable Goods	577,400	582,000	665,900	- 4,600	- 88,500
Lumber & Wood Products	38,600	37,800	36,700	800	1,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,400	7,300	7,600	- 100	- 200
Furniture & Fixtures	15,600	15,700	16,100	- 100	- 500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	46,600	45,700	44,600	900	2,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,300	21,900	20,300	400	2,000
Primary Metal Industries	38,300	37,900	49,300	400	- 11,000
Fabricated Metal Industries	85,300	85,700	101,300	- 400	- 16,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,000	44,400	51,900	- 400	- 7,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	140,800	145,600	195,500	- 4,800	- 54,700
Oil Field Machinery	44,700	48,700	88,300	- 4,000	- 43,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,400	101,100	101,100	- 700	- 700
Transportation Equipment	75,000	75,300	81,700	- 300	- 6,700
Aircraft & Parts	38,800	38,800	40,400	0	- 1,600
Instruments & Related Products	23,200	23,600	26,200	- 400	- 3,000
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,600	13,600	13,400	0	200
Nondurable Goods	417,100	417,000	428,900	100	- 11,800
Food & Kindred Products	93,900	94,600	95,700	- 700	- 1,800
Meat Products	26,200	26,200	25,800	0	400
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	10,800	10,700	10,700	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,300	3,500	- 100	- 300
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,500	5,600	- 100	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	65,000	63,400	67,900	1,600	- 2,900
Paper & Allied Products	21,500	21,800	22,600	- 300	- 1,100
Printing & Publishing	67,100	67,000	67,900	100	- 800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,800	34,700	34,500	100	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,200	81,000	83,800	- 800	- 3,600
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,600	43,800	41,300	- 200	2,300
Petroleum Refining	40,900	41,100	38,500	- 200	2,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,400	9,200	11,100	200	- 1,700
Other Nondurable Goods	31,000	30,700	33,000	300	- 2,000
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,167,600	5,163,400	5,234,900	4,200	- 67,300
Mining	291,100	293,900	319,800	- 2,800	- 28,700
Oil & Gas Extraction	281,600	284,500	309,300	- 2,900	- 27,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,400	10,500	100	- 1,000
Construction	398,700	399,200	424,100	- 500	- 25,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,200	374,500	390,900	700	- 15,700
Railroad Transportation	24,800	24,900	27,900	- 100	- 3,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	177,200	176,300	191,300	900	- 14,100
Transportation by Air	36,300	36,300	38,500	0	- 2,200
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	93,000	93,100	94,900	- 100	- 1,900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,200	80,200	76,800	0	3,400
Electric Services	44,800	44,700	42,100	100	2,700
Gas Production & Distribution	30,100	30,200	29,800	- 100	300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,515,700	1,513,900	1,548,400	1,800	- 32,700
Wholesale Trade	427,900	428,000	453,100	- 100	- 25,200
Retail Trade	1,087,800	1,085,900	1,095,300	1,900	- 7,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,200	47,900	46,700	1,300	2,500
General Merchandise Stores	139,500	139,000	146,300	500	- 6,800
Food Stores	192,300	191,700	191,900	600	400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,100	121,700	127,700	400	- 5,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,500	79,200	83,100	300	- 3,600
Other Retail Trade	505,200	506,400	499,600	- 1,200	5,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	371,400	370,300	362,100	1,100	9,300
Banking	100,900	100,800	98,500	100	2,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	119,100	119,700	118,500	- 600	600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,400	149,800	145,100	1,600	6,300
Services	1,165,000	1,161,000	1,159,500	4,000	5,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,000	66,800	71,000	200	- 4,000
Personal Services	75,000	74,300	72,000	700	3,000
Business & Repair Services	308,200	307,400	320,400	800	- 12,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	45,100	44,700	47,100	400	- 2,000
Health Services	326,800	326,200	319,600	600	7,200
Educational Services	62,000	61,100	56,300	900	5,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	280,900	280,500	273,100	400	7,800
Total Government	1,050,500	1,050,600	1,030,100	- 100	20,400
Total Federal Government	175,000	174,400	170,400	600	4,600
Total State Government	241,700	240,600	228,700	1,100	13,000
Total Local Government	633,800	635,600	631,000	- 1,800	2,800

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'83*	Mar.'83**	Apr.'82**	Apr.'83*	Mar.'83**	Apr.'82**	Apr.'83*	Mar.'83**	Apr.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,800	78,700	76,600	96,700	97,000	88,400	302,800	303,800	293,200
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,400	3,400	5,100	5,700	3,900	11,500	13,800	12,700
Percent Unemployed	5.2	5.6	4.4	5.3	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.5	4.3
Total Employment 2/	74,700	74,300	73,200	91,600	91,300	84,500	291,300	290,000	280,500
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	182,800	184,600	180,600	85,700	86,500	86,800	51,500	51,800	50,300
Total Unemployment	25,200	27,200	16,400	13,900	14,700	9,300	2,000	2,200	1,900
Percent Unemployed	13.8	14.7	9.1	16.2	17.0	10.7	3.9	4.2	3.8
Total Employment 2/	157,600	157,400	164,200	71,800	71,800	77,500	49,500	49,600	48,400
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	170,200	169,800	163,600	1,741.6	1,732.0	1,666.6	194,100	195,400	188,100
Total Unemployment	17,300	17,800	10,500	92.1	101.3	86.8	24,200	26,600	19,400
Percent Unemployed	10.2	10.5	6.4	5.3	5.8	5.2	12.5	13.6	10.3
Total Employment 2/	152,900	152,000	153,100	1,649.5	1,630.7	1,579.8	169,900	168,300	168,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	90,700	91,700	87,900	1,778.7	1,784.1	1,743.1	71,300	71,000	67,400
Total Unemployment	11,400	12,500	7,800	168.4	175.9	86.4	4,000	4,400	3,700
Percent Unemployed	12.6	13.6	8.9	9.5	9.9	5.0	5.6	6.2	5.5
Total Employment 2/	79,300	79,200	80,100	1,610.3	1,608.2	1,656.7	67,300	66,600	63,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	43,000	43,400	40,900	79,800	80,100	78,300	107,300	107,400	105,500
Total Unemployment	11,800	12,500	5,300	9,000	9,800	5,800	5,800	6,200	5,400
Percent Unemployed	27.4	28.8	13.0	11.3	12.2	7.4	5.4	5.8	5.1
Total Employment 2/	31,200	30,900	35,600	70,800	70,300	72,500	101,500	101,200	100,100
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	116,500	116,900	109,300	64,700	64,900	66,800	72,100	72,100	77,700
Total Unemployment	22,100	23,900	12,900	3,600	3,800	4,800	6,800	7,000	4,200
Percent Unemployed	19.0	20.4	11.8	5.6	5.9	7.2	9.4	9.7	5.4
Total Employment 2/	94,400	93,000	96,400	61,100	61,100	62,000	65,300	65,100	73,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	46,900	47,700	47,600	482,300	480,600	460,600	39,200	39,300	39,400
Total Unemployment	2,400	3,000	3,000	28,100	32,400	27,900	3,500	4,200	2,900
Percent Unemployed	5.1	6.3	6.3	5.8	6.7	6.1	8.9	10.7	7.4
Total Employment 2/	44,500	44,700	44,600	454,200	448,200	432,700	35,700	35,100	36,500
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,500	51,900	49,100	73,900	74,200	72,700	41,200	41,200	38,800
Total Unemployment	4,500	5,000	4,400	4,800	5,100	4,200	3,900	4,200	2,400
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.6	9.0	6.5	6.9	5.8	9.5	10.2	6.2
Total Employment 2/	47,000	46,900	44,700	69,100	69,100	68,500	37,300	37,000	36,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS[3]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	84,800	84,300	82,500	66,200	66,200	69,500	7,529.3	7,529.9	7,274.4
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,400	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,800	607.3	655.0	430.2
Percent Unemployed	5.8	6.4	4.8	6.8	7.6	8.3	8.1	8.7	5.9
Total Employment 2/	79,900	78,900	78,500	61,700	61,200	63,700	6,922.0	6,874.9	6,844.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1983±	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983±	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983±	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$354.71	$356.40	$341.60	40.4	40.5	40.4	$8.78	$8.80	$8.54
Durable Goods	348.07	351.35	344.40	40.1	40.2	40.0	8.68	8.74	8.61
Lumber & Wood Products	239.58	243.27	228.51	39.6	39.3	38.6	6.05	6.19	5.92
Furniture & Fixtures	220.13	224.23	215.87	37.5	38.2	36.9	5.87	5.87	5.85
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	354.90	351.98	324.31	45.5	45.3	41.9	7.80	7.77	7.74
Primary Metal Industries	411.84	415.16	403.26	39.0	38.8	39.0	10.56	10.70	10.34
Fabricated Metal Products	337.92	348.27	341.68	38.4	39.0	39.5	8.80	8.93	8.65
Machinery, Exc. Electric	344.40	345.07	373.98	40.0	39.8	41.6	8.61	8.67	8.99
Oil Field Machinery	404.45	409.90	446.59	38.3	39.3	43.4	10.56	10.43	10.29
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	331.35	340.00	318.67	39.4	40.0	39.1	8.41	8.50	8.15
Transportation Equipment	478.58	471.58	414.74	41.4	40.9	39.2	11.56	11.53	10.58
Aircraft & Parts	491.57	492.74	439.15	41.8	41.9	40.4	11.76	11.76	10.87
Instr. & Related Products	299.92	307.28	259.69	38.6	39.7	37.8	7.77	7.74	6.87
Misc. Mfg. Industries	291.10	290.50	238.61	40.6	40.8	38.3	7.17	7.12	6.23
Nondurable Goods	365.24	363.60	336.80	40.9	40.9	40.0	8.93	8.89	8.42
Food & Kindred Products	314.42	311.50	290.60	41.7	41.7	40.7	7.54	7.47	7.14
Meat Products	285.02	278.51	281.67	42.1	41.2	41.3	6.77	6.76	6.82
Malt Beverages	668.51	600.17	658.54	45.2	40.8	45.7	14.79	14.71	14.41
Textile Mill Products	261.18	254.33	205.35	42.4	41.9	38.6	6.16	6.07	5.32
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	181.23	178.29	163.68	37.6	37.3	35.2	4.82	4.78	4.65
Paper & Allied Products	394.42	406.41	366.34	43.2	43.7	43.2	9.13	9.30	8.48
Printing & Publishing	321.44	329.94	301.48	39.2	39.8	38.9	8.20	8.29	7.75
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	566.16	551.62	538.05	42.0	41.6	42.5	13.48	13.26	12.66
Petroleum & Coal Products	595.88	590.61	572.03	43.4	43.3	43.6	13.73	13.64	13.12
Petroleum Refining	618.88	614.54	596.07	43.4	43.4	43.7	14.26	14.16	13.64
Leather & Leather Products	211.33	213.60	164.22	39.5	40.0	34.5	5.35	5.34	4.76
Other Nondurable Goods	357.85	350.28	320.30	42.5	42.0	42.2	8.42	8.34	7.59
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	443.65	446.34	442.44	42.7	43.0	44.2	10.39	10.38	10.01
Oil & Gas Extraction	445.36	447.02	444.65	42.7	42.9	44.2	10.43	10.42	10.06
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	412.10	403.25	383.97	44.6	43.5	44.7	9.24	9.27	8.59
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	382.57	380.70	376.26	38.8	38.3	39.9	9.86	9.94	9.43
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	410.33	399.75	387.69	41.7	41.0	41.2	9.84	9.75	9.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.14	229.48	225.66	34.2	33.5	34.4	6.70	6.85	6.56
Wholesale Trade	348.59	349.36	332.69	39.3	39.7	39.7	8.87	8.80	8.38
Retail Trade	182.25	182.56	181.29	32.2	31.1	32.2	5.66	5.87	5.63
General Mdse. Stores	167.31	168.67	152.59	30.2	30.5	29.4	5.54	5.53	5.19
Banking	234.25	233.38	217.33	37.6	37.4	37.6	6.23	6.24	5.78

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1983±	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983±	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983±	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982
DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$349.67	350.07	316.34	40.1	40.1	39.2	$8.72	8.73	8.07
Durable Goods	366.92	366.11	333.66	40.1	40.1	39.3	9.15	9.13	8.49
Nondurable Goods	310.82	313.60	278.46	39.9	40.0	39.0	7.79	7.84	7.14
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	429.55	432.72	432.97	40.6	40.9	42.2	10.58	10.58	10.26
Durable Goods	385.66	386.86	404.07	39.8	39.8	41.7	9.69	9.72	9.69
Nondurable Goods	503.10	508.98	487.19	42.1	42.7	43.0	11.95	11.92	11.33
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.21	269.69	240.24	40.7	40.8	39.0	6.59	6.61	6.16
Durable Goods	291.72	286.23	256.41	40.8	40.6	38.5	7.15	7.05	6.66
Nondurable Goods	246.64	253.38	224.93	40.7	41.0	39.6	6.06	6.18	5.68

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

employment failed to improve over the month. Construction activity was good, but a substantial layoff due to the completion of a large job caused a small downturn for the industry. Residential construction activity was good as lower interest rates and product demand fueled an upturn.

Transportation and public utilities rose moderately on the strength of an upswing in the transportation segment. Water transportation registered the largest advance in the transportation category. Finance, insurance and real estate climbed due to a seasonal increase in the real estate portion of the industry. Trade employment rose with all of the gain occurring in the retail sector. The increase was chiefly located in building materials and garden supplies, although most of the other retail trade segments reported minor improvements. Spring weather and increased opportunities for outdoor activity sparked the advance in building materials and garden supplies.

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The service industries did very well from March to April. Every major segment reported an increase, although most of the upturns were modest. Business services rose by a moderate amount, a normal trend around the tax season, and education services expanded with gains in the colleges, universities, professional schools and junior college division. Government employment dropped by a minimal amount as small gains in Federal and state employment were offset by a moderate decline in local government.

DECREASES RECORDED IN HOURS AND EARNINGS

An average production worker in manufacturing earned $8.78 per hour during the April period, a drop of two cents per hour from the March level, but 24 cents per hour above the year ago mark. The number of hours worked also fell slightly over the month from 40.5 hours per week in March to 40.4 hours in April. The year ago average was 40.0 hours per week. The declines in hours worked and hourly wages consequently caused the average weekly earnings to fall for production workers in Texas. The average weekly wage for April was $354.71, down from $356.40 in March, but again above the year ago average of $341.60. There were 710,500 production workers in manufacturing during April. Durable goods industries in the State employed 421,100, while nondurable industries provided jobs for 289,400 workers, both figures down over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	April 1983	April 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,696,700	15,099,900
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.0%	1.4%
UI Covered Employers	292,511	278,383
Total Claims Actions	778,784	459,213
Total Initial Claims Actions	75,463	65,097
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	703,321	394,116
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.22	$117.54
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$89,902,352	$33,521,868
Total Placements	37,303	36,325

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINES MODESTLY

The Statewide actual unemployment rate fell for the third consecutive month as it reached 8.0 percent during May. The rate reached a high of 8.8 percent during February of this year before it began to decline. It slipped to 8.7 in March, then fell to 8.1 percent in April before taking another small drop to the current 8.0 percent. The most recent decrease, although small, reflects continued improvement in the State's labor situation. Even more encouraging is the three-month trend of improvement in the State's unemployment rate.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	May 1983	Apr. 1983	May 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	110,308.0	109,875.0	109,914.0
Unemployment	10,765.0	11,035.0	9,957.0
Percent Unemployed	9.8	10.0	9.1
Total Employment	99,543.0	98,840.0	99,957.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,749.0	110,786.0	110,378.0
Unemployment	11,192.0	11,328.0	10,384.0
Percent Unemployed	10.1	10.2	9.4
Total Employment	99,557.0	99,458.0	99,994.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,469.4	7,529.3	7,289.0
Unemployment	596.1	607.3	457.9
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.1	6.3
Total Employment	6,873.3	6,922.0	6,831.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,508.0	7,569.0	7,329.0
Unemployment	611.0	650.0	472.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.6	6.4
Total Employment	6,897.0	6,919.0	6,857.0

The good news, however, must be tempered with the prospect of a sizeable increase in the actual rate during June. Historically, the actual rate has climbed sharply from May to June due to the influx of students and recent graduates into the job market. Most of the increase will be seasonal and it may prove beneficial to anyone tracking the State's unemployment rate to keep an eye on the seasonally adjusted series. The seasonally adjusted series serves as an indicator of the State's employment situation with the seasonal variations removed. In May the Texas seasonally adjusted rate was 8.1 percent, just slightly higher than the actual rate.

May figures for the United States reflected a slight improvement in the National job market. The actual rate for the United States fell from 10.0 to 9.8 percent from April to May. The seasonally adjusted rate slid from 10.2 in April to 10.1 percent in May.

Among the major metropolitan areas in the State, Bryan-College Station reported the lowest unemployment rate at 3.9 percent. Austin was next with a 4.0 percent rate and Abilene and Amarillo both had rates of 5.0 percent. Eleven of the 26 major metropolitan areas had rates below 6.0 percent. At the other end of the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '83*	Apr. '83**	May '82**	May '83*	Apr. '83**	May '82**	May '83*	Apr. '83**	May '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,400	60,500	60,700	77,900	77,900	74,900	270,100	271,000	267,000
Manufacturing	6,600	6,600	6,300	10,800	10,700	10,000	33,100	33,000	32,600
Mining	5,000	5,000	5,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	800	800	900
Construction	3,500	3,400	3,500	3,000	3,000	3,900	14,700	14,800	13,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,500	7,600	7,700	8,100
Trade	15,600	15,600	16,400	23,600	23,600	21,800	61,200	61,300	59,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	4,100	4,100	4,100	17,200	17,200	17,200
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,900	13,400	14,800	14,900	13,900	53,300	53,600	51,900
Government	9,600	9,600	9,300	13,100	13,100	12,600	82,200	82,600	83,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,300	145,500	150,500	58,000	58,000	64,800	43,800	43,700	43,900
Manufacturing	34,300	34,400	36,300	8,700	8,700	11,400	3,200	3,100	3,400
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,600	100	100	200	1,500	1,600	1,800
Construction	10,100	10,000	12,100	3,200	3,200	4,300	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,500	12,400	12,400	3,400	3,400	3,900	2,000	2,000	1,800
Trade	33,700	33,900	34,300	17,000	17,000	18,900	8,900	8,900	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	26,500	26,500	26,500	10,400	10,500	10,500	6,100	6,000	5,900
Government	20,200	20,300	20,500	12,200	12,100	12,600	17,600	17,600	17,400
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,500	133,800	136,900	1,566,100	1,561,400	1,537,500	165,800	165,200	168,300
Manufacturing	14,800	14,700	15,900	309,500	308,400	318,800	38,400	37,900	39,600
Mining	9,100	9,200	9,800	32,400	32,400	31,700	-----	-----	-----
Construction	12,100	12,400	12,600	83,700	83,900	83,800	7,600	7,500	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,600	7,700	7,800	98,000	97,200	96,400	10,500	10,600	10,600
Trade	32,300	32,400	33,300	423,200	421,000	412,500	39,900	39,900	41,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,400	6,400	119,900	119,400	117,100	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,000	24,000	24,800	316,000	316,000	294,700	27,500	27,500	27,400
Government	27,100	27,000	26,300	183,400	183,100	182,500	34,100	34,000	33,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,000	68,300	70,900	1,547,300	1,546,400	1,628,700	61,200	60,800	59,800
Manufacturing	10,900	10,500	11,800	228,200	228,900	267,200	8,200	8,000	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104,300	104,500	115,000	-----	-----	-----
Construction	4,800	4,800	4,800	133,700	133,600	146,000	3,400	3,400	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,300	6,400	6,600	107,500	106,600	113,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	12,900	12,900	13,300	369,700	368,500	386,700	13,500	13,400	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,500	102,000	101,400	99,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,400	10,700	324,100	323,600	326,100	11,400	11,300	11,000
Government	18,500	18,100	18,400	177,800	179,300	174,700	19,200	19,200	18,700

2/ In thousands.

spectrum, Laredo had the highest rate at 27.1 percent. Mc-Allen-Pharr-Edinburg reported a 17.9 percent rate and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito was at 16.1 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SHOWS A DECREASE

A moderate decline was registered in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment from April to May. Decreases were reported in manufacturing, mining, construction and government. The most sizeable downturn occurred in construction and was centered in general building and heavy construction, except highway construction. A number of large jobs were completed and there were insufficient new jobs to keep workers on the payrolls. Other construction sectors managed small gains, but they were far short of offsetting the losses reported.

Employment in mining continued to decline as drilling operations remained slow. All of the losses in mining were located in the oil and gas extraction portion of the industry. A surplus of oil has kept domestic operations at a low level over the last year. The low level of activity in drilling operations has also affected several other industries outside of mining. The oil field machinery segment of nonelectrical machinery, a manufacturing industry, has sustained substantial losses

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '83*	Apr. '83**	May '82**	May '83*	Apr. '83**	May '82**	May '83*	Apr. '83**	May '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,200	30,400	35,800	67,700	67,700	71,500	88,800	88,600	89,700
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	2,000	16,200	16,400	18,500	11,100	10,900	12,000
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,600	4,500	4,500	4,800	600	600	600
Construction	1,500	1,600	2,000	4,400	4,400	4,800	4,000	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,300	4,100	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,600	4,700	4,800
Trade	9,500	9,500	12,700	17,000	17,100	17,500	25,900	25,800	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,900	2,800	2,800	5,200	5,200	4,800
Services & Misc.	4,800	4,800	5,100	11,200	11,000	11,600	16,900	17,000	17,300
Government	6,700	6,700	6,900	7,700	7,700	7,700	20,500	20,600	20,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,200	78,100	80,600	51,900	51,900	53,600	54,900	55,000	62,900
Manufacturing	8,500	8,800	9,600	4,100	4,200	4,800	6,000	6,200	9,100
Mining	1,600	1,600	2,000	12,800	12,700	13,600	7,900	8,000	9,000
Construction	5,700	5,600	6,100	4,300	4,300	4,500	5,200	5,300	6,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,900	2,900	3,200
Trade	24,300	25,000	27,300	10,900	11,000	11,100	15,000	14,800	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,400	3,500	3,100	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,800	10,200	8,700	8,500	8,500	8,300	8,200	8,700
Government	21,600	21,600	19,700	4,600	4,600	4,900	7,200	7,200	6,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,800	35,600	37,300	430,700	428,300	421,900	33,100	33,000	35,000
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	6,300	48,800	48,600	51,200	10,700	10,600	11,900
Mining	700	700	1,100	3,300	3,300	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200	28,300	28,100	26,200	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,600	18,500	18,600	2,400	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,600	8,800	110,800	110,000	108,100	6,900	7,000	7,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,500	29,200	28,700	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,200	7,200	93,900	93,300	90,200	5,600	5,600	5,800
Government	6,500	6,500	6,400	97,500	97,300	95,500	4,700	4,700	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,700	45,400	44,600	55,400	55,500	56,900	71,500	71,200	71,600
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,300	10,700	10,700	12,400	15,100	14,900	15,500
Mining	200	200	200	3,000	3,100	3,600	-----	-----	-----
Construction	2,300	2,200	1,800	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,600	3,400	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,700	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	11,000	10,900	10,600	14,800	14,600	14,400	17,400	17,400	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,400	10,900	11,100	11,200	15,600	15,800	15,900
Government	13,100	12,900	12,500	7,600	7,600	7,300	11,900	11,800	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,900	52,700	56,100						
Manufacturing	8,800	8,600	10,800						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,900						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	3,100						
Trade	13,300	13,200	13,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,000	9,200						
Government	10,900	10,900	11,000						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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over the last year and dropped 2,400 jobs from mid-April to mid-May. Wholesale trade has also felt the effects of cuts in oil production. Wholesale activity in oil field equipment has been slow and has led to layoffs in the wholesale trade category. Over the past month there were 900 jobs lost in wholesale trade and oil field machinery was partially responsible for the decline.

Manufacturing as a whole suffered a moderate reduction in employment over the month. Losses were heaviest in the already mentioned oil field machinery segment, but cuts were also noted in the durable goods industries of primary metal products, fabricated metal products, and electric and electronic equipment. The majority of losses in the metal industries were directly attributable to the cutbacks in mining and construction activity. The decline in electric and electronic equipment was traced to a number of layoffs by a single large employer. Elsewhere in durable goods there were some moderate advances. Lumber and wood products and stone, clay and glass climbed as residential construction kept demand high. Transportation

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	May 1983*	April 1983**	May 1982**	Change From April 1983	Change From May 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,158,100	6,163,800	6,319,800	- 5,700	- 161,700
Manufacturing	995,300	997,100	1,084,700	- 1,800	- 89,400
Durable Goods	576,600	579,400	657,600	- 2,800	- 81,000
Lumber & Wood Products	39,400	38,600	37,100	800	2,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,400	7,600	100	- 100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,600	15,500	15,600	100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,400	46,700	44,800	700	2,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,500	22,400	20,500	100	2,000
Primary Metal Industries	38,200	38,500	47,900	- 300	- 9,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,800	85,500	100,400	- 700	- 15,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,300	44,200	51,300	100	- 7,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,400	142,200	189,800	- 2,800	- 50,400
Oil Field Machinery	43,900	46,300	84,600	- 2,400	- 40,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	99,200	100,300	102,100	- 1,100	- 2,900
Transportation Equipment	75,700	75,100	80,500	600	- 4,800
Aircraft & Parts	38,600	38,800	39,800	- 200	- 1,200
Instruments & Related Products	23,200	23,200	26,100	0	- 2,900
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,700	13,800	13,300	- 100	400
Nondurable Goods	418,700	417,700	427,100	1,000	- 8,400
Food & Kindred Products	93,900	94,000	96,000	- 100	- 2,100
Meat Products	26,100	26,200	26,100	- 100	0
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Bakery Products	10,900	10,800	10,900	100	0
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,400	3,500	- 100	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,500	5,500	- 100	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,300	65,500	67,200	800	- 900
Paper & Allied Products	21,800	21,500	22,300	300	- 500
Printing & Publishing	67,200	67,100	68,100	100	- 900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,800	34,900	34,800	- 100	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,200	80,200	83,200	0	- 3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,500	43,600	41,200	- 100	2,300
Petroleum Refining	40,800	40,900	38,400	- 100	2,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,200	9,400	10,700	- 200	- 1,500
Other Nondurable Goods	31,200	30,900	32,900	300	- 1,700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,162,800	5,166,700	5,235,100	- 3,900	- 72,300
Mining	287,200	290,600	315,500	- 3,400	- 28,300
Oil & Gas Extraction	277,700	281,100	305,000	- 3,400	- 27,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	10,500	0	- 1,000
Construction	391,400	397,700	423,900	- 6,300	- 32,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,100	376,200	390,600	900	- 13,500
Railroad Transportation	24,900	24,900	28,100	0	- 3,200
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,300	178,400	189,600	900	- 10,300
Transportation by Air	36,600	36,300	39,300	300	- 2,700
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	92,700	92,800	95,700	- 100	- 3,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,200	80,100	77,200	100	3,000
Electric Services	44,800	44,700	42,300	100	2,500
Gas Production & Distribution	30,000	30,100	29,900	- 100	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,519,400	1,515,800	1,552,500	3,600	- 33,100
Wholesale Trade	426,900	427,800	452,000	- 900	- 25,100
Retail Trade	1,092,500	1,088,000	1,100,500	4,500	- 8,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	50,100	49,100	46,700	1,000	3,400
General Merchandise Stores	138,400	139,200	146,000	- 800	- 7,600
Food Stores	193,700	192,800	193,400	900	300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,000	121,600	127,800	400	- 5,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,500	79,000	82,300	500	- 2,800
Other Retail Trade	508,800	506,300	504,300	2,500	4,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	372,100	371,400	362,800	700	9,300
Banking	101,100	101,000	98,800	100	2,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	119,300	119,200	118,900	100	400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	151,700	151,200	145,100	500	6,600
Services	1,167,000	1,165,700	1,159,300	1,300	7,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	68,600	67,100	71,000	1,500	- 2,400
Personal Services	74,800	74,900	72,100	- 100	2,700
Business & Repair Services	310,400	309,000	320,200	1,400	- 9,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	46,300	45,100	48,300	1,200	- 2,000
Health Services	326,700	327,100	319,900	- 400	6,800
Educational Services	58,600	61,900	53,200	- 3,300	5,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	281,600	280,600	274,600	1,000	7,000
Total Government	1,048,600	1,049,300	1,030,500	- 700	18,100
Total Federal Government	176,000	174,600	171,600	1,400	4,400
Total State Government	240,500	241,000	228,100	- 500	12,400
Total Local Government	632,100	633,700	630,800	- 1,600	1,300

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '83*	Apr.'83**	May '82**	May '83*	Apr.'83**	May '82**	May '83*	Apr.'83**	May '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,700	76,500	95,700	96,500	89,200	300,100	302,700	292,900
Total Unemployment	3,900	4,100	4,000	4,800	5,100	4,000	12,000	11,500	14,200
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.3	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.8
Total Employment 2/	73,800	74,600	72,500	90,900	91,400	85,200	288,100	291,200	278,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,400	181,400	180,200	84,700	85,500	87,100	51,300	51,500	50,400
Total Unemployment	25,200	25,200	16,500	13,600	13,900	9,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Percent Unemployed	14.0	13.9	9.2	16.1	16.3	10.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
Total Employment 2/	154,200	156,200	163,700	71,100	71,600	77,600	49,300	49,500	48,400
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,400	170,300	164,500	1,729.5	1,741.3	1,670.6	192,800	194,200	187,100
Total Unemployment	18,300	17,300	11,800	91.0	91.9	95.3	23,500	24,300	19,500
Percent Unemployed	10.8	10.2	7.2	5.3	5.3	5.7	12.2	12.5	10.4
Total Employment 2/	151,100	153,000	152,700	1,638.5	1,649.4	1,575.3	169,300	169,900	167,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	90,800	90,700	88,800	1,763.8	1,780.2	1,743.0	70,800	71,300	68,000
Total Unemployment	11,200	11,400	8,500	166.4	168.7	96.8	3,900	4,000	4,100
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.6	9.6	9.4	9.5	5.6	5.5	5.6	6.0
Total Employment 2/	79,600	79,300	80,300	1,597.4	1,611.5	1,646.2	66,900	67,300	63,900
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	42,000	42,900	40,700	79,200	79,700	78,400	106,500	107,300	105,200
Total Unemployment	11,400	11,800	5,300	9,300	9,000	6,300	5,800	5,800	5,400
Percent Unemployed	27.1	27.5	13.0	11.7	11.3	8.0	5.4	5.4	5.1
Total Employment 2/	30,600	31,100	35,400	69,900	70,700	72,100	100,700	101,500	99,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	113,100	116,400	107,300	64,500	64,600	64,100	71,500	72,100	76,200
Total Unemployment	20,200	22,100	12,700	3,700	3,600	3,100	6,900	6,800	3,700
Percent Unemployed	17.9	19.0	11.8	5.7	5.6	4.8	9.7	9.4	4.9
Total Employment 2/	92,900	94,300	94,600	60,800	61,000	61,000	64,600	65,300	72,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	46,700	46,900	47,500	481,000	482,600	464,100	38,700	39,300	39,500
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,400	2,600	28,200	28,100	30,200	3,200	3,500	3,000
Percent Unemployed	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.8	6.5	8.3	8.9	7.6
Total Employment 2/	44,300	44,500	44,900	452,800	454,500	433,900	35,500	35,800	36,500
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	51,300	49,400	72,900	73,900	72,700	41,000	41,100	38,900
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,600	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,500	4,000	3,900	2,500
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.0	9.3	6.4	6.5	6.2	9.8	9.5	6.4
Total Employment 2/	46,600	46,700	44,800	68,200	69,100	68,200	37,000	37,200	36,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,800	84,800	82,000	65,600	66,300	67,000	7,469.4	7,529.3	7,289.0
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,900	4,100	4,200	4,500	3,700	596.1	607.3	457.9
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.8	5.0	6.4	6.8	5.5	8.0	8.1	6.3
Total Employment 2/	79,400	79,900	77,900	61,400	61,800	63,300	6,873.3	6,922.0	6,831.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1983±	Apr. 1983	May 1982	May 1983±	Apr. 1983	May 1982	May 1983±	Apr. 1983	May 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$355.52	$353.76	$338.24	40.4	40.2	39.7	$8.80	$8.80	$8.52
Durable Goods	346.65	345.39	340.10	39.8	39.7	39.5	8.71	8.70	8.61
Lumber & Wood Products	239.40	240.98	229.13	38.8	39.7	39.1	6.17	6.07	5.86
Furniture & Fixtures	216.95	217.36	235.42	37.6	38.0	39.5	5.77	5.72	5.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	337.12	343.43	317.75	43.0	44.2	41.0	7.84	7.77	7.75
Primary Metal Industries	410.03	408.18	395.75	39.2	38.8	38.2	10.46	10.52	10.36
Fabricated Metal Products	339.21	337.31	347.38	38.9	38.2	39.7	8.72	8.83	8.75
Machinery, Exc. Electric	337.98	335.40	354.31	39.3	39.0	39.9	8.60	8.60	8.88
Oil Field Machinery	404.17	397.86	412.89	38.9	38.0	40.4	10.39	10.47	10.22
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	334.84	339.77	317.18	39.3	39.6	38.4	8.52	8.58	8.26
Transportation Equipment	479.49	476.68	428.25	41.3	41.2	39.8	11.61	11.57	10.76
Aircraft & Parts	487.97	491.57	461.05	41.6	41.8	41.8	11.73	11.76	11.03
Instr. & Related Products	318.77	299.53	276.71	39.5	38.5	39.7	8.07	7.78	6.97
Misc. Mfg. Industries	307.33	300.35	242.55	42.1	41.2	38.5	7.30	7.29	6.30
Nondurable Goods	368.81	365.65	335.64	41.3	40.9	40.1	8.93	8.94	8.37
Food & Kindred Products	321.48	310.16	293.41	42.3	41.3	41.5	7.60	7.51	7.07
Meat Products	309.58	275.11	289.58	44.1	41.0	42.9	7.02	6.71	6.75
Malt Beverages	626.94	647.83	627.70	43.0	44.1	44.9	14.58	14.69	13.98
Textile Mill Products	254.18	256.04	206.85	41.6	41.7	39.4	6.11	6.14	5.25
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	184.89	179.30	171.92	38.2	37.2	36.5	4.84	4.82	4.71
Paper & Allied Products	418.98	408.27	365.45	45.1	43.9	43.3	9.29	9.30	8.44
Printing & Publishing	326.70	321.11	294.91	39.6	39.4	38.3	8.25	8.15	7.70
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	568.35	569.78	527.93	42.1	42.3	41.8	13.50	13.47	12.63
Petroleum & Coal Products	591.92	602.55	557.14	42.8	43.6	42.4	13.83	13.82	13.14
Petroleum Refining	615.19	626.10	581.92	42.9	43.6	42.6	14.34	14.36	13.66
Leather & Leather Products	224.00	208.69	165.58	41.1	39.6	34.0	5.45	5.27	4.87
Other Nondurable Goods	357.01	358.28	320.80	42.3	42.5	41.5	8.44	8.43	7.73
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	466.66	448.35	431.52	43.9	42.7	43.5	10.63	10.50	9.92
Oil & Gas Extraction	468.85	449.43	433.26	43.9	42.6	43.5	10.68	10.55	9.96
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	395.58	406.75	380.17	44.1	44.6	43.3	8.97	9.12	8.78
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	382.28	382.38	388.54	38.0	38.2	40.6	10.06	10.01	9.57
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	406.41	412.30	388.14	40.6	41.9	40.9	10.01	9.84	9.49
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.82	229.14	224.74	34.4	34.2	34.0	6.71	6.70	6.61
Wholesale Trade	352.63	350.66	334.11	39.8	39.4	39.4	8.86	8.90	8.48
Retail Trade	182.57	181.04	179.67	32.2	32.1	31.8	5.67	5.64	5.65
General Mdse. Stores	166.24	162.80	153.53	29.9	29.6	29.3	5.56	5.50	5.24
Banking	240.68	234.87	220.89	37.2	37.4	37.0	6.47	6.28	5.97

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$348.00	347.60	319.16	40.0	40.0	39.5	$8.70	8.69	8.08
Durable Goods	364.40	366.22	336.66	40.0	40.2	39.7	9.11	9.11	8.48
Nondurable Goods	312.00	306.50	280.41	40.0	39.6	39.0	7.80	7.74	7.19
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	433.70	429.55	417.18	40.8	40.6	40.9	10.63	10.58	10.20
Durable Goods	388.40	385.66	388.73	40.0	39.8	40.2	9.71	9.69	9.67
Nondurable Goods	509.29	501.96	471.65	42.3	41.9	42.3	12.04	11.98	11.15
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	254.80	267.30	247.78	39.2	40.5	39.9	6.50	6.60	6.21
Durable Goods	288.05	294.38	271.35	40.4	41.0	40.2	7.13	7.18	6.75
Nondurable Goods	222.50	241.40	225.50	38.1	40.1	39.7	5.84	6.02	5.68

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

equipment rose as recalls of previously laid off workers pushed employment up in the ship and boat building and repair segment.

Employment in nondurable goods was up due to a substantial gain in apparel and other finished textile products. Increases were spread throughout the industry and were welcome in the industry which has seen a gradual decline in its employment over the last few years. Overseas manufacturers have hurt the industry in recent years with an abundant supply of inexpensive labor. Paper and allied products rose moderately as one plant which had been temporarily closed for repairs returned to production.

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Government employment fell as the Spring semester at State and local educational facilities drew to a close. These losses were partially offset by a gain in Federal employment. Government employment will undergo additional declines in June as further cutbacks are realized in the educational sectors of State and local government.

Trade enjoyed the best month of any major industry due to employment gains in the retail trade sector. Almost all segments were up as only general merchandise stores reported less employment. Two large gains in retail trade were posted by building materials and garden supplies and food stores. These gains were primarily seasonal in nature and were brought about by warm weather and a high level of outdoor activity. A collection of specialty stores which comprises the other retail trade sector experienced the largest gain, however, with advances highest among eating and drinking places.

Services benefitted from upturns in hotels and other lodging places; business and repair services; amusement, including motion pictures; and other services. Seasonal hikes were behind the jump in hotels and other lodging places and amusements as these industries geared up for the summer tourist period. In other services, gains were posted in social services and membership organizations as summer activities got underway. A rather substantial decline was posted in educational services as institutions began releasing employees for the summer.

HOURS ADVANCE SLIGHTLY, EARNINGS UNCHANGED

An average production worker in manufacturing labored 40.4 hours per week during May at an hourly wage of $8.80. The same average worker toiled 40.2 hours per week during April at the same wage rate, $8.80. A year ago the average number of weekly hours worked was 39.7 hours at an average hourly rate of $8.52. The total number of manufacturing production workers in the State declined over the month from 711,300 in April to 709,500 in May.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1983	May 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,743,000	15,137,000
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7%	1.6%
UI Covered Employers	293,289	278,793
Total Claims Actions	672,226	463,097
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,956	67,739
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	633,781	395,358
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.72	$120.22
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$82,427,310	$35,781,935
Total Placements	33,350	33,222

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT ADVANCES

The usual increase from mid-May to mid-June in total unemployed was evident again this year although the rise was not as large as anticipated. It appeared that a large number of potential summer jobseekers were discouraged by already high unemployment rates and turned to other activities, such as summer school, rather than enter the job market. The jobless total rose by 60,800 individuals from May to June and broke a trend of decreasing unemployment going back to February of this year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,383.0	110,308.0	111,569.0
Unemployment	11,570.0	10,765.0	10,886.0
Percent Unemployed	10.2	9.8	9.8
Total Employment	101,813.0	99,543.0	100,683.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,932.0	110,749.0	110,147.0
Unemployment	11,146.0	11,192.0	10,466.0
Percent Unemployed	10.0	10.1	9.5
Total Employment	100,786.0	99,557.0	99,681.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,702.6	7,469.4	7,434.1
Unemployment	656.9	596.1	574.8
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.0	7.7
Total Employment	7,045.7	6,873.3	6,859.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,631.0	7,508.0	7,365.0
Unemployment	587.0	611.0	508.0
Percent Unemployed	7.7	8.1	6.9
Total Employment	7,044.0	6,897.0	6,857.0

A very positive indicator did come from the June employment estimate, however, as total employment in Texas surpassed seven million workers for the first time. An upward surge of 172,400 was recorded in Statewide employment over the month. Seasonal employment assisted in the advance, but the majority of the upturn was reportedly not seasonal in nature.

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose from 8.0 percent in May to 8.5 percent in June. The year ago rate for June was 7.7 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the State was 7.7 percent, down from 8.1 percent in May, but still well above the year ago rate of 6.9 percent. The actual rate for the United States rose from 9.8 percent in May to 10.2 percent in June. The seasonally adjusted rate fell from 10.1 percent in May to 10.0 percent for June.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

Upturns were recorded in almost every major industry category from May to June. Only government failed to post a gain over the month. Employment losses were heavy in State and local government as local school districts and State colleges and universities completed the Spring term and released many workers for the Summer.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June '83*	May '83**	June'82**	June '83*	May '83**	June '82**	June '83*	May '83**	June '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,800	60,400	59,900	78,100	78,100	75,100	263,700	270,900	260,800
Manufacturing	6,400	6,600	6,200	11,000	10,900	10,200	33,400	33,200	33,400
Mining	5,000	5,000	5,400	2,000	2,000	2,200	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,200	3,000	3,900	15,300	14,900	14,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,600	7,700	7,600	8,000
Trade	15,800	15,600	16,100	24,200	23,700	22,400	61,600	61,400	59,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,200	4,100	4,000	17,200	17,200	17,400
Services & Misc.	13,900	13,700	13,000	14,700	14,800	14,200	53,700	53,500	52,700
Government	9,700	9,600	9,200	12,300	13,100	11,600	74,000	82,300	74,700
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	145,000	145,100	149,300	58,000	58,100	63,900	40,600	43,900	41,900
Manufacturing	34,200	34,100	35,200	8,700	8,800	11,300	3,200	3,200	3,400
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,600	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,700
Construction	10,500	10,100	12,200	3,200	3,200	4,000	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,600	12,500	12,600	3,400	3,400	4,000	2,000	2,100	2,000
Trade	33,900	33,700	34,400	17,100	17,000	18,800	9,000	8,900	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	26,500	26,500	26,500	10,400	10,400	10,600	6,100	6,100	5,800
Government	19,300	20,200	19,900	12,100	12,200	12,100	14,300	17,600	15,200
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH [2/]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,300	133,500	136,300	1,572.8	1,565.7	1,543.2	166,000	165,900	167,900
Manufacturing	14,900	14,900	15,900	311.1	308.7	317.4	38,800	38,500	38,600
Mining	9,100	9,100	9,800	33.3	32.7	32.7	-	-	-
Construction	12,400	12,100	12,700	86.0	83.8	87.1	7,900	7,600	8,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,500	8,100	99.0	98.2	97.4	10,500	10,500	10,800
Trade	32,500	32,400	33,500	425.8	423.8	414.1	39,900	39,900	41,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,500	6,500	120.8	119.6	118.5	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	23,500	24,000	24,700	319.1	315.9	298.4	27,500	27,500	27,200
Government	27,000	27,000	25,100	177.7	183.0	177.6	33,600	34,100	33,300
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2/]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	69,300	69,100	71,100	1,547.7	1,546.3	1,623.3	61,400	61,300	60,200
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,800	227.3	228.0	263.8	8,300	8,300	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	105.7	104.3	113.9	-	-	-
Construction	4,800	4,800	4,800	132.4	134.1	148.7	3,400	3,400	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,400	6,300	6,600	107.4	106.9	111.6	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	13,100	13,000	13,400	370.3	369.7	385.9	13,700	13,500	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	103.3	102.2	101.1	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,600	10,400	10,700	327.4	323.4	326.8	11,400	11,400	11,100
Government	18,300	18,500	18,400	173.9	177.7	171.5	19,100	19,200	18,700

[2/] In thousands.

Manufacturing employment increased with improvement among both durable and nondurable goods industries. All of the construction related industries within the durabe goods sector rose. The most signigicant upturn was realized in stone, clay and glass products and most of the gain was centered in the concrete, gypsum and plaster products segment. Electric and electronic equipment advanced primarily due to increases in the electronic components and accessories segment. A modest hike was noted in transportation equipment where hiring in the aircraft and parts portion of the industry got off the ground.

Not so fortunate were the durable goods industries of fabriciated metal products and nonelectrical machinery. Although oil and gas activity rose moderately over the month, some lag time is expected before increases will appear in the industries which support that activity. Following months of cutbacks in oil field machinery and equipment, employers will be cautious before resuming hiring on a large scale.

Food and kindred products led in the advance in nondurable goods employment. Meat products showed the greatest improvement with preserved fruits and vegetables up modestly due to seasonal employment. Another segment with a seasonal gain was the fresh or frozen packaged fish portion which accounted for approximately 15 percent of the total advance in food and kindred products. Modest gains were noted through-

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June '83*	May '83**	June '82**	June '83*	May '83**	June '82**	June '83*	May '83**	June '82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,200	29,900	35,600	67,700	67,600	71,200	86,900	88,700	88,100
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	2,000	16,300	16,100	18,000	10,900	11,000	12,000
Mining	1,200	1,100	1,400	4,500	4,500	4,800	600	600	700
Construction	1,400	1,500	2,100	4,500	4,400	4,900	4,200	4,000	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,200	4,100	3,800	3,800	3,900	4,600	4,600	4,700
Trade	9,300	9,400	12,700	17,100	17,000	17,700	25,700	25,800	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	4,900
Services & Misc.	4,800	4,800	5,000	11,200	11,200	11,600	17,000	17,000	17,000
Government	6,900	6,700	6,800	7,400	7,700	7,500	18,700	20,500	18,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	77,000	77,500	79,300	52,200	52,000	54,200	55,100	54,700	61,400
Manufacturing	9,000	8,700	8,900	3,900	4,100	4,900	6,000	6,000	8,300
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,900	12,900	12,800	13,800	7,800	7,800	8,800
Construction	5,600	5,700	6,000	4,300	4,300	4,800	5,100	5,200	6,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,800	2,800	3,400
Trade	24,100	24,400	27,300	11,300	10,900	11,300	14,900	14,900	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,500	3,500	3,200	2,500	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,700	9,800	9,900	8,800	8,600	8,600	8,500	8,400	8,400
Government	21,200	21,600	19,400	4,400	4,700	4,500	7,500	7,200	6,600
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,500	35,700	36,700	431,100	430,600	421,100	33,200	33,400	35,100
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	6,200	49,400	48,700	50,900	10,800	10,800	11,800
Mining	600	700	1,100	3,400	3,300	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,200	29,000	28,500	27,200	1,400	1,500	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,600	18,700	18,400	2,400	2,400	2,300
Trade	8,700	8,800	8,600	111,500	110,900	108,400	7,000	7,000	7,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,700	29,400	29,000	1,100	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,200	7,300	93,500	93,800	89,400	5,600	5,600	5,900
Government	6,100	6,400	6,000	96,000	97,300	94,400	4,700	4,700	5,000
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,000	45,700	45,100	55,900	55,700	56,900	70,600	71,600	71,900
Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,300	10,700	10,700	12,200	15,300	15,200	15,600
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,000	3,500	-	-	-
Construction	2,400	2,300	1,900	2,500	2,400	2,300	3,600	3,600	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,400	3,300	3,400
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,700	15,000	14,900	14,600	17,500	17,400	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,400	7,500	11,100	11,100	11,200	15,000	15,600	15,600
Government	13,000	13,000	12,700	7,500	7,600	7,200	11,200	11,900	12,000
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,100	52,900	55,200						
Manufacturing	8,700	8,800	10,300						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,800						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,000						
Trade	13,300	13,300	13,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,000	9,100						
Government	11,000	10,900	10,800						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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out the apparel and other finished textiles industry. Most of the increase, however, was evident in men's and boys' suits, coats and furnishings.

Trade employment enjoyed the largest upswing of all the major industry categories. The retail trade segment was up substantially with restaurants and eating places accounting for a 40 percent bite of the total increase in retail trade. Inventory and summer hiring gave a boost to employment in department stores and furniture and home furnishing stores. Wholesale trade realized a moderate increase as most segments experienced minor advances.

After a long slide down, mining employment finally posted a gain as activity in the oil and gas extraction portion rose. The increase was extremely welcomed and was located in the operations and drilling portions of oil and gas extraction. Seasonal hiring to cope with increased demand over the summer was largely responsible for the upturn.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	June 1983*	May 1983**	June 1982**	Change From May 1983	Change From June 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,174,600	6,163,700	6,318,100	10,900	-143,500
Manufacturing	1,000,500	996,000	1,076,100	4,500	- 75,600
Durable Goods	579,400	577,000	649,100	2,400	- 69,700
Lumber & Wood Products	39,700	39,300	37,800	400	1,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,500	7,700	100	- 100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	15,700	15,700	200	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,100	47,000	45,300	1,100	2,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,300	22,400	20,700	900	2,600
Primary Metal Industries	38,700	38,200	46,200	500	- 7,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,300	84,600	98,300	- 300	- 14,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,000	44,200	50,300	- 200	- 6,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,700	140,500	184,500	- 800	- 44,800
Oil Field Machinery	44,200	44,900	79,600	- 700	- 35,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,100	99,200	102,400	900	- 2,300
Transportation Equipment	76,000	75,600	79,500	400	- 3,500
Aircraft & Parts	38,900	38,600	39,800	300	- 900
Instruments & Related Products	23,300	23,200	26,000	100	- 2,700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,600	13,700	13,400	- 100	200
Nondurable Goods	421,100	419,000	427,000	2,100	- 5,900
Food & Kindred Products	95,000	93,900	96,700	1,100	- 1,700
Meat Products	26,500	26,100	26,300	400	200
Dairy Products	4,700	4,800	4,800	- 100	- 100
Bakery Products	11,000	10,900	10,900	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,500	0	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,400	5,600	0	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,700	66,400	67,100	300	- 400
Paper & Allied Products	21,800	21,900	22,300	- 100	- 500
Printing & Publishing	67,600	67,400	68,200	200	- 600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,000	34,900	35,000	100	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,500	80,200	83,400	300	- 2,900
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,800	43,600	41,300	200	2,500
Petroleum Refining	41,100	40,900	38,500	200	2,600
Leather & Leather Products	9,200	9,400	9,800	- 200	- 600
Other Nondurable Goods	31,100	30,800	32,600	300	- 1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,174,100	5,167,700	5,242,000	6,400	- 67,900
Mining	290,600	286,800	315,300	3,800	- 24,700
Oil & Gas Extraction	281,000	277,200	304,800	3,800	- 23,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,600	10,500	0	- 900
Construction	395,600	394,000	432,500	1,600	- 36,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,500	376,200	387,500	1,300	- 10,000
Railroad Transportation	24,700	24,700	28,000	0	- 3,300
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,400	178,700	184,700	700	- 5,300
Transportation by Air	36,500	36,600	35,100	- 100	1,400
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	92,700	92,600	96,000	100	- 3,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,700	80,200	78,800	500	1,900
Electric Services	45,300	44,800	43,200	500	2,100
Gas Production & Distribution	30,100	30,000	30,500	100	- 400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,528,700	1,522,000	1,559,200	6,700	- 30,500
Wholesale Trade	428,400	427,100	452,800	1,300	- 24,400
Retail Trade	1,100,300	1,094,900	1,106,400	5,400	- 6,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	50,000	49,600	47,000	400	3,000
General Merchandise Stores	140,400	139,200	147,200	1,200	- 6,800
Food Stores	194,900	194,600	193,100	300	1,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,600	122,000	128,700	600	- 6,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,300	79,400	82,800	- 100	- 3,500
Other Retail Trade	513,100	510,100	507,600	3,000	5,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	375,500	371,600	368,300	3,900	7,200
Banking	102,400	101,100	100,600	1,300	1,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	119,700	119,200	119,800	500	- 100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	153,400	151,300	147,900	2,100	5,500
Services	1,170,900	1,168,200	1,166,500	2,700	4,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	68,300	68,200	71,600	100	- 3,300
Personal Services	74,800	74,900	72,600	- 100	2,200
Business & Repair Services	311,900	311,700	319,300	200	- 7,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,400	45,900	50,100	2,500	- 1,700
Health Services	329,200	326,600	323,300	2,600	5,900
Educational Services	51,900	58,600	47,500	-6,700	4,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	286,400	282,300	282,100	4,100	4,300
Total Government	1,035,300	1,048,900	1,012,700	-13,600	22,600
Total Federal Government	176,700	176,200	173,400	500	3,300
Total State Government	233,900	239,900	219,600	- 6,000	14,300
Total Local Government	624,700	632,800	619,700	- 8,100	5,000

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	June'83*	May '83**	June'82**	June'83	May '83**	June'82**	June'83*	May'83**	June'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,900	77,800	78,000	99,300	95,800	91,800	302,400	300,800	290,100
Total Unemployment	4,400	3,900	5,700	5,400	4,900	5,200	12,800	12,100	15,300
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.0	7.3	5.4	5.1	5.7	4.2	4.0	5.3
Total Employment 2/	76,500	73,900	72,300	93,900	90,900	86,600	289,600	288,700	274,800
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	185,400	179,200	183,600	87,900	84,700	87,200	49,000	51,300	48,600
Total Unemployment	27,700	25,000	20,600	14,800	13,600	11,200	2,000	2,000	2,000
Percent Unemployed	14.9	14.0	11.2	16.8	16.1	12.8	4.1	3.9	4.1
Total Employment 2/	157,700	154,200	163,000	73,100	71,100	76,000	47,000	49,300	46,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,300	169,700	166,000	1,789.7	1,729.5	1,715.5	198,500	192,800	192,800
Total Unemployment	21,400	18,500	14,000	102.9	91.6	121.8	24,900	23,400	24,100
Percent Unemployed	12.2	10.9	8.4	5.7	5.3	7.1	12.5	12.1	12.5
Total Employment 2/	153,900	151,200	152,000	1,686.8	1,637.9	1,593.7	173,600	169,400	168,700
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,800	90,700	91,200	1,821.0	1,763.7	1,774.4	73,500	70,800	69,900
Total Unemployment	12,100	11,000	10,600	183.4	167.3	124.2	4,200	3,800	4,700
Percent Unemployed	12.9	12.1	11.6	10.1	9.5	7.0	5.7	5.4	6.7
Total Employment 2/	81,700	79,700	80,600	1,637.6	1,596.4	1,650.2	69,300	67,000	65,200
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	42,500	41,200	41,200	81,800	79,200	80,200	107,700	106,400	105,400
Total Unemployment	11,300	10,800	6,100	1,000	9,300	7,800	6,600	5,900	6,400
Percent Unemployed	26.6	26.2	14.8	12.2	11.7	9.7	6.1	5.5	6.1
Total Employment 2/	31,200	30,400	35,100	71,800	69,900	72,400	101,100	100,500	99,000
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	115,000	112,100	107,800	67,000	64,600	67,200	73,900	71,500	77,200
Total Unemployment	21,300	19,000	15,000	4,300	3,700	5,200	7,600	7,000	6,200
Percent Unemployed	18.5	16.9	13.9	6.4	5.7	7.7	10.3	9.8	8.0
Total Employment 2/	93,700	93,100	92,800	62,700	60,900	62,000	66,300	64,500	71,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,000	46,700	48,500	496,400	480,700	472,500	39,900	38,900	40,400
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,400	3,700	31,500	28,200	36,200	3,300	3,300	3,600
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.1	7.6	6.3	5.9	7.7	8.3	8.5	8.9
Total Employment 2/	45,300	44,300	44,800	464,900	452,500	436,300	36,600	35,600	36,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	51,200	51,200	75,000	73,000	73,200	42,200	40,900	39,400
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,800	5,500	5,100	4,700	5,300	4,500	3,900	3,300
Percent Unemployed	9.7	9.4	10.7	6.8	6.4	7.2	10.7	9.5	8.4
Total Employment 2/	47,500	46,400	45,700	69,900	68,300	67,900	37,700	37,000	36,100
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS[3]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	85,700	83,800	84,000	68,100	65,700	69,900	7,702.6	7,469.4	7,434.1
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,400	5,500	4,400	4,300	6,400	656.9	596.1	574.8
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	9.2	8.5	8.0	7.7
Total Employment 2/	80,700	79,400	78,500	63,700	61,400	63,500	7,045.7	6,873.3	6,859.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1983±	May 1983	June 1982	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982	June 1983±	May 1983	June 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$360.74	$355.45	$344.06	40.9	40.3	40.1	8.82	8.82	8.58
Durable Goods	353.57	347.38	344.74	40.5	39.7	39.9	8.73	8.75	8.64
Lumber & Wood Products	246.02	242.09	232.80	40.8	39.3	40.0	6.03	6.16	5.82
Furniture & Fixtures	230.29	227.56	227.56	39.5	38.7	39.1	5.83	5.88	5.82
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	346.62	338.55	339.98	43.6	42.8	43.2	7.95	7.91	7.87
Primary Metal Industries	417.35	410.82	397.74	39.9	39.2	37.7	10.46	10.48	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	349.58	341.72	345.93	39.5	38.7	39.4	8.85	8.83	8.78
Machinery, Exc. Electric	345.14	333.59	353.13	39.4	38.7	39.5	8.76	8.62	8.94
Oil Field Machinery	412.38	397.48	412.63	39.2	38.0	39.6	10.52	10.46	10.42
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	343.58	347.27	327.55	41.0	40.1	39.8	8.38	8.66	8.23
Transportation Equipment	482.23	475.86	446.29	41.5	41.2	41.4	11.62	11.55	10.78
Aircraft & Parts	505.75	487.55	458.81	42.5	41.6	41.9	11.90	11.72	10.95
Instr. & Related Products	310.06	307.70	282.43	39.1	38.9	39.5	7.93	7.91	7.15
Misc. Mfg. Industries	297.56	299.94	251.77	41.1	41.2	39.4	7 24	7.28	6.39
Nondurable Goods	371.84	367.92	343.00	41.5	41.2	40.4	8.96	8.93	8.49
Food & Kindred Products	310.50	319.54	301.31	41.4	42.1	42.2	7.50	7.59	7.14
Meat Products	281.99	305.20	293.82	41.9	43.6	43.4	6.73	7.00	6.77
Malt Beverages	706.73	624.67	630.85	47.4	43.2	44.9	14.91	14.46	14.05
Textile Mill Products	270.19	256.65	231.90	43.3	41.8	40.9	6.24	6.14	5.67
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	194.49	184.99	171.08	40.1	38.3	36.4	4.85	4.83	4.70
Paper & Allied Products	410.35	414.40	368.50	44.7	44.8	43.2	9.18	9.25	8.53
Printing & Publishing	323.11	328.72	298.27	39.5	39.7	37.9	8.18	8.28	7.87
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	580.21	568.77	544.43	42.6	42.1	42.6	13.62	13.51	12.78
Petroleum & Coal Products	615.92	593.06	575.53	43.9	43.1	43.7	14.03	13.76	13.17
Petroleum Refining	640.50	615.04	598.69	43.9	43.1	43.7	14.59	14.27	13.70
Leather & Leather Products	218.20	216.80	162.00	39.6	40.6	32.4	5.51	5.34	5.00
Other Nondurable Goods	364.88	355.30	322.64	41.7	41.8	41.1	8.75	8.50	7.85
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	458.30	469.85	447.67	43.4	44.2	44.5	10.56	10.63	10.06
Oil & Gas Extraction	461.34	472.94	449.45	43.4	44.2	44.5	10.63	10.70	10.10
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	368.51	379.75	401.83	43.0	43.7	45.2	8.57	8.69	8.89
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	388.49	384.81	380.33	38.2	38.1	39.7	10.17	10.10	9.58
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	417.36	407.18	392.81	42.2	40.8	41.7	9.89	9.98	9.42
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.81	231.18	228.71	34.8	34.3	34.6	6.69	6.74	6.61
Wholesale Trade	353.60	356.71	336.71	40.0	39.9	39.8	8.84	8.94	8.46
Retail Trade	185.65	182.01	184.60	32.8	32.1	32.5	5.66	5.67	5.68
General Mdse. Stores	168.91	165.00	155.56	30.6	30.0	29.8	5.52	5.50	5.22
Banking	237.17	239.02	221.09	37.0	37.0	37.6	6.41	6.46	5.88

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	356.53	351.01	329.18	40.7	40.3	39.9	8.76	8.71	8.25
Durable Goods	376.28	369.36	348.60	40.9	40.5	40.3	9.20	9.12	8.65
Nondurable Goods	314.72	311.62	287.73	40.4	39.9	39.2	7.79	7.81	7.34
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	440.67	432.89	423.95	41.3	40.8	41.2	10.67	10.61	10.29
Durable Goods	393.78	388.00	392.28	40.9	40.0	40.4	9.75	9.70	9.71
Nondurable Goods	509.04	504.84	484.07	42.0	42.0	42.8	12.12	12.02	11.31
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.62	269.62	249.31	40.7	41.1	39.2	6.60	6.56	6.36
Durable Goods	284.49	288.55	270.24	39.9	40.3	39.8	7.13	7.16	6.79
Nondurable Goods	252.54	250.98	228.90	41.4	41.9	38.6	6.10	5.99	5.93

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Banking and real estate were responsible for most of the increase in finance, insurance and real estate. The usual summer upswing in residential sales provided a lift to the industry., Construction benefitted from mild weather and high consumer demand also as employment climbed moderately. Transportation improved as trucking and warehousing revved up with summer hires. Public utilities also climbed with seasonal help in the electric services division.

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In spite of a sizeable decline in educational services, the entire services industry was able to post a moderate upturn. Employment climbed in legal services; museums, art galleries, botanical and zoological gardens; and in membership organizations. Smaller gains were recorded in health services, where physicians and dentists offices and hospitals advanced, and in amusement, including motion pictures. Outdoor and athletic activities provided the force behind gains in membership organizations and amusement.

The total number of manufacturing production workers increased from 709,800 in May to 713,100 in June. The June 1983 level was 775,200. Both durable and nondurable goods sectors were up over the month and down from a year ago, although the bulk of the annual decline occurred in the durable goods industries.

Agricultural employment rose modestly from 188,500 in May to 190,850 in June. Employment in June 1982 was over 201,000. The payment-in-kind program has contributed to the reduction in agricultural employment over the past year.

HOURS MOVE UPWARD, EARNINGS STEADY

An average manufacturing worker in Texas put in a 40.9 hour week at an hourly rate of $8.82 during the mid-May to mid-June period. The number of hours worked were up 0.6 hours from a month ago and 0.8 hours from a year ago. The hourly earnings were unchanged over the month, but up 24 cents over the year ago level.

Several manufacturing industries performed well over the month. Overtime proved to be a boon to workers in malt beverages, where average weekly hours were up 4.2 hours and average hourly earnings were up 45 cents from a month ago. Overtime worked also raised hours and earnings in aircraft and parts, petroleum and coal products, and nonelectrical machinery. Employers in nonelectrical machinery demonstrated a tendency to let employees work additional hours rather than recall workers, evidence of a cautious attitude on their part concerning what was a rather moderate upturn in business.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	June 1983	June 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,789,300	15,174,100
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.0%	1.7%
UI Covered Employers	290,877	279,603
Total Claims Actions	746,420	613,161
Total Initial Claims Actions	78,631	82,389
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	667,789	530,772
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.96	$123.81
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$87,148,298	$49,384,415
Total Placements	42,504	39,661

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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STATEWIDE ACTUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINES

The State's actual unemployment rate fell from 8.5 percent in June to 8.3 percent in July. Total employment rose by 38,000 workers over the month while the number of unemployed dropped by 19,800 persons. The decrease in the Statewide rate, although small, was not unusual for this time of year. Seasonal jobseekers, mostly students, who enter the labor market in June are generally either placed in a job by July or they give up their search for work and go on to other activities for the summer. The combination of new hires and the reduction in the number of unemployed led to the drop in the actual rate.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,980.0	113,383.0	112,526.0
Unemployment	10,707.0	11,570.0	11,036.0
Percent Unemployed	9.4	10.2	9.8
Total Employment	103,273.0	101,813.0	101,490.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	111,875.0	111,932.0	110,416.0
Unemployment	10,590.0	11,146.0	10,828.0
Percent Unemployed	9.5	10.0	9.8
Total Employment	101,285.0	100,786.0	99,588.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,720.8	7,702.6	7,433.0
Unemployment	637.1	656.9	545.3
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.5	7.3
Total Employment	7,083.7	7,045.7	6,887.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,655.0	7,631.0	7,364.0
Unemployment	616.0	587.0	517.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.7	7.0
Total Employment	7,039.0	7,044.0	6,847.0

Although unemployment remains above the 8.0 percent level in Texas, total employment continues to set new highs. The total of 7,083,700 employed was a record mark for the State, surpassing last month's level of 7,045,700. Unfortunately, however, the total number of unemployed remains exceptionally high also -- having dropped below 600,000 only once during 1983. The annual average number of unemployed in the State in 1981 was 372,800 and in 1982 it was 505,200. The average number of unemployed was 637,700 for January through July of this year, 71 percent above the 1981 annual average and 26 percent above the 1982 average.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose modestly from 7.7 percent in June to 8.0 percent in July. This marked the first increase in the seasonally adjusted rate since March, when the rate reached a high of 9.0 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the United States was 9.5 percent, down substantially from 10.0 percent in June. The actual rate for the Nation was 9.4 percent and was below June's actual rate of 10.2 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

A small upturn of 2,000 jobs was recorded in Statewide wage and salary employment from mid-June to mid-July. Several sizeable gains were noted among the major

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,300	60,900	59,400	78,200	78,000	74,800	264,500	263,700	256,600
Manufacturing	6,400	6,500	6,500	11,000	10,900	10,100	33,300	33,600	33,500
Mining	5,100	5,000	5,100	2,000	2,000	2,200	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,700	3,300	3,100	3,800	15,200	15,200	13,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,300	6,500	6,500	6,600	7,700	7,700	8,000
Trade	15,700	15,700	15,600	24,300	24,200	22,500	61,800	61,700	59,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,200	3,200	4,200	4,200	4,000	17,300	17,200	17,500
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,300	14,800	14,700	14,200	53,800	53,500	52,100
Government	9,300	9,800	8,700	12,100	12,400	11,400	74,600	74,000	71,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,100	145,000	147,200	57,700	58,200	62,400	41,700	41,200	42,200
Manufacturing	34,000	34,200	34,100	8,700	8,600	10,400	3,100	3,100	3,000
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,600	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,800
Construction	10,500	10,500	11,800	3,200	3,200	4,000	2,700	2,800	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,700	12,600	12,500	3,500	3,400	4,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	34,000	33,900	34,100	17,200	17,400	18,600	8,800	9,000	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,500	26,500	26,400	10,300	10,400	10,500	6,100	6,000	5,800
Government	18,400	19,300	19,800	11,700	12,100	11,800	15,700	15,000	15,800
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	134,000	133,600	136,100	1,573.6	1,573.0	1,537.5	164,500	166,000	167,000
Manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,700	312.2	311.7	314.1	37,900	38,400	38,100
Mining	9,000	9,100	9,800	33.2	33.3	33.2	--	--	--
Construction	12,200	12,300	12,600	87.2	86.0	88.1	7,800	7,800	8,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	8,100	99.5	99.2	97.6	10,500	10,500	10,600
Trade	33,100	32,600	33,600	427.2	425.6	415.2	39,900	40,000	41,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,600	6,500	6,600	121.8	121.0	118.7	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,100	23,900	24,600	320.7	318.9	299.5	27,600	27,500	27,200
Government	26,700	26,900	25,100	171.8	177.3	171.1	33,000	34,000	33,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	67,400	69,300	70,000	1,542.8	1,546.4	1,606.4	61,400	62,000	60,300
Manufacturing	11,000	10,900	11,600	225.7	226.8	259.1	8,400	8,300	8,200
Mining	800	800	800	104.8	105.5	109.6	--	--	--
Construction	4,800	4,800	4,800	136.7	134.5	149.4	3,500	3,500	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,400	6,500	107.3	107.1	110.2	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	13,100	13,100	13,400	368.8	368.9	382.0	13,700	13,800	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	103.3	103.1	101.6	2,300	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,600	10,600	10,700	327.3	325.8	326.3	11,300	11,400	11,000
Government	16,200	18,300	17,600	168.9	174.7	168.2	19,000	19,400	18,500

[2] In thousands.

industry categories and the total upturn would have been much larger had it not been for a substantial seasonal downturn in local government. The end of the school year led to continued declines in June at local school districts. The loss in local government offset a moderate rise in state government which was due largely to seasonal hiring by administrative agencies and State educational facilities, which added student workers for the summer sessions.

The largest gain was posted in services where significant improvements were noted in business and repair services, health services, and other services and miscellaneous. Seasonal hiring reportedly contributed to the large gain in business and repair services, while hiring by nursing and personal care facilities and hospitals pushed health services employment up by a considerable amount. The gain in other services and miscellaneous was centered in museum and art galleries and civic, social and fraternal associations, groups which schedule a large number of summer activities.

Trade had a good month with a large gain in the general merchandise stores segment of retail trade. All of the gain occurred in the retail portion of the industry where only the apparel and accessory stores segment failed to post an increase.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	28,900	29,600	35,200	67,600	67,500	70,200	88,300	86,900	88,100
Manufacturing	1,700	1,800	1,900	16,000	16,200	17,300	11,000	10,800	11,700
Mining	1,200	1,200	1,400	4,500	4,500	4,600	700	600	700
Construction	1,300	1,400	2,100	4,600	4,500	5,100	4,200	4,200	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,700	4,600	4,600	4,600
Trade	9,300	9,300	12,600	17,200	17,100	17,600	25,900	25,700	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,000
Services & Misc.	4,500	4,500	5,200	11,300	11,100	11,700	17,400	17,100	16,900
Government	6,200	6,600	6,500	7,200	7,400	7,400	19,300	18,700	19,100
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	73,600	77,300	78,500	52,300	52,200	53,500	55,300	54,400	59,900
Manufacturing	9,000	9,100	8,700	4,000	3,900	4,400	6,200	5,900	8,100
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,800	12,800	12,900	13,700	7,900	7,800	8,200
Construction	5,600	5,700	6,100	4,500	4,400	4,800	5,400	5,100	6,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,900	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,800	2,800	3,200
Trade	22,100	24,100	27,000	11,500	11,300	11,000	14,800	14,800	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,700	9,900	8,600	8,800	8,600	8,500	8,500	8,500
Government	19,600	21,200	19,000	4,300	4,300	4,500	7,300	7,100	6,600
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,300	35,500	37,000	432,500	431,800	418,300	33,500	33,300	34,900
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	6,300	49,500	49,300	50,000	11,000	10,900	11,400
Mining	700	700	1,000	3,400	3,400	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,300	29,300	29,000	27,600	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,100	19,100	18,500	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,700	113,200	111,700	108,500	7,100	7,000	7,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	30,100	29,800	29,000	1,200	1,100	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,300	7,400	94,800	93,700	89,900	5,600	5,700	6,000
Government	6,000	6,100	6,000	93,100	95,800	91,400	4,700	4,700	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,400	45,900	44,800	56,000	55,900	55,600	71,500	71,200	69,800
Manufacturing	8,200	8,100	8,300	10,800	10,700	10,800	15,200	15,300	14,400
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,400	--	--	--
Construction	2,500	2,400	1,900	2,500	2,500	2,400	3,900	3,700	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,400	3,500
Trade	11,100	11,100	10,700	15,100	15,100	14,700	17,600	17,500	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,600	11,200	11,100	11,200	15,300	15,100	15,200
Government	12,200	12,900	12,300	7,300	7,400	7,200	11,700	11,600	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,800	53,200	54,000						
Manufacturing	8,900	8,800	9,500						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,800						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,200						
Trade	13,400	13,400	13,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,200	8,900						
Government	10,300	10,900	10,300						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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One notable upturn occurred in automotive dealers and service stations, which was up modestly over the month after losing a substantial member of jobs during the past year. Wholesale trade did not fare as well as the retail segment. Employment in the fresh fruits and vegetables portion of wholesale trade dipped due to a temporary layoff. Many other small declines were evident throughout the remainder of the wholesale trade sectors.

Transportation and public utilities enjoyed a number of upturns in the transportation segment as water and air transportation both showed substantial improvement. Air transportation has performed well in the past few months following a near disastrous period in early 1982. Small gains were experienced in communications and public utilities due to summer hiring.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES/

INDUSTRY	July 1983*	June 1983**	July 1982**	Change From June 1983	Change From July 1983
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,164,900	6,162,900	6,276,400	2,000	- 111,500
Manufacturing	1,002,200	1,001,400	1,049,900	800	- 47,700
Durable Goods	581,800	579,400	627,700	2,400	- 45,900
Lumber & Wood Products	40,100	39,900	38,000	200	2,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,800	15,800	15,400	0	400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,300	47,600	45,000	700	3,300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,900	22,700	20,700	200	2,200
Primary Metal Industries	38,500	38,400	42,700	100	- 4,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,600	84,900	96,100	- 300	- 11,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,800	44,400	49,500	400	- 4,700
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,800	139,700	171,400	100	- 31,600
Oil Field Machinery	44,000	44,500	68,700	- 500	- 24,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	102,200	100,100	102,400	2,100	- 200
Transportation Equipment	76,100	76,200	77,900	- 100	- 1,800
Aircraft & Parts	38,400	38,900	39,100	- 500	- 700
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	23,100	25,500	- 200	- 2,600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,700	13,300	- 200	200
Nondurable Goods	420,400	422,000	422,200	-1,600	- 1,800
Food & Kindred Products	95,300	95,400	96,900	- 100	- 1,600
Meat Products	26,800	26,800	26,600	0	200
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Bakery Products	11,200	11,100	10,900	100	300
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,400	5,500	- 100	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,000	67,000	64,700	-1,000	1,300
Paper & Allied Products	21,900	22,100	22,200	- 200	- 300
Printing & Publishing	67,800	67,700	68,000	100	- 200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,400	35,200	35,100	200	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,300	80,400	83,100	- 100	- 2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,400	43,600	41,500	- 200	1,900
Petroleum Refining	40,700	40,900	38,800	- 200	1,900
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,200	9,600	- 100	- 500
Other Nondurable Goods	31,300	31,200	30,700	100	600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,162,700	5,161,500	5,226,500	1,200	- 63,800
Mining	290,800	289,300	312,300	1,500	- 21,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	281,400	279,800	301,900	1,600	- 20,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,500	10,400	- 100	- 1,000
Construction	393,300	396,500	432,200	-3,200	- 38,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	379,900	377,700	386,700	2,200	- 6,800
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,100	27,700	100	- 2,500
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,800	179,100	184,100	1,700	- 3,300
Transportation by Air	37,800	36,800	35,900	1,000	1,900
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	92,900	92,600	95,600	300	- 2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	81,000	80,900	79,300	100	1,700
Electric Services	45,400	45,300	43,600	100	1,800
Gas Production & Distribution	30,100	30,200	30,500	- 100	- 400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,532,500	1,528,700	1,552,400	3,800	- 19,900
Wholesale Trade	428,000	428,600	449,600	- 600	- 21,600
Retail Trade	1,104,500	1,100,100	1,102,800	4,400	1,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,800	49,900	46,800	- 100	3,000
General Merchandise Stores	143,300	140,800	147,600	2,500	- 4,300
Food Stores	196,700	195,900	191,700	800	5,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,700	122,300	129,000	400	- 6,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,200	79,300	82,200	- 100	- 3,000
Other Retail Trade	512,800	511,900	505,500	900	7,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	375,000	375,000	367,400	0	7,600
Banking	102,000	102,100	100,700	- 100	1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	119,800	119,800	119,400	0	400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	153,200	153,100	147,300	100	5,900
Services	1,173,500	1,168,300	1,169,300	5,200	4,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,300	67,500	70,900	- 200	- 3,600
Personal Services	74,700	74,800	72,600	- 100	2,100
Business & Repair Services	314,400	311,700	319,300	2,700	- 4,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	47,500	47,800	50,400	- 300	- 2,900
Health Services	331,000	329,300	324,900	1,700	6,100
Educational Services	52,200	52,200	47,500	0	4,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	286,400	285,000	283,700	1,400	2,700
Total Government	1,017,700	1,026,000	1,006,200	-8,300	11,500
Total Federal Government	178,400	177,500	174,500	900	3,900
Total State Government	229,400	226,800	222,300	2,600	7,100
Total Local Government	609,900	621,700	609,400	-11,800	500

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**	Jul.'83*	Jun.'83**	Jul.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,700	80,600	76,800	100,000	99,200	92,100	305,300	302,200	289,900
Total Unemployment	4,200	4,300	4,400	5,300	5,400	4,900	13,100	12,800	16,000
Percent Unemployed	5.2	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.3	4.3	4.2	5.5
Total Employment 2/	76,500	76,300	72,400	94,700	93,800	87,200	292,200	289,400	273,900
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	185,200	186,600	184,400	88,000	88,300	86,300	50,800	49,900	49,900
Total Unemployment	26,300	27,700	21,700	14,600	14,800	10,500	2,000	2,000	2,400
Percent Unemployed	14.2	14.8	11.8	16.6	16.8	12.2	3.9	4.0	4.8
Total Employment 2/	158,900	158,900	162,700	73,400	73,500	75,800	48,800	47,900	47,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	176,400	175,400	166,500	1,797.9	1,788.8	1,713.8	198,600	198,900	192,900
Total Unemployment	20,700	21,400	13,300	97.1	102.7	106.8	24,400	24,900	23,000
Percent Unemployed	11.7	12.2	8.0	5.4	5.7	6.2	12.3	12.5	11.9
Total Employment 2/	155,700	154,000	153,200	1,700.8	1,686.1	1,607.0	174,200	174,000	169,900
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	91,900	93,800	90,900	1,824.2	1,819.5	1,778.8	74,200	73,900	70,200
Total Unemployment	11,400	12,100	10,300	178.0	184.0	124.5	4,100	4,200	4,200
Percent Unemployed	12.4	12.9	11.3	9.8	10.1	7.0	5.5	5.7	6.0
Total Employment 2/	80,500	81,700	80,600	1,646.2	1,635.5	1,654.3	70,100	69,700	66,000
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,800	42,100	41,000	82,000	81,800	80,900	110,600	107,600	106,600
Total Unemployment	10,700	11,300	5,800	9,700	10,000	7,800	7,900	6,600	6,000
Percent Unemployed	26.2	26.8	14.1	11.8	12.2	9.6	7.1	6.1	5.6
Total Employment 2/	30,100	30,800	35,200	72,300	71,800	73,100	102,700	101,000	100,600
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	110,800	115,200	105,800	67,800	66,900	65,700	74,400	73,600	75,300
Total Unemployment	23,400	21,300	16,500	4,200	4,300	3,600	7,100	7,600	4,700
Percent Unemployed	21.1	18.5	15.6	6.2	6.4	5.5	9.5	10.3	6.2
Total Employment 2/	87,400	93,900	89,300	63,600	62,600	62,100	67,300	66,000	70,600
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,000	47,900	48,900	500,800	497,300	473,100	40,200	40,000	40,300
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,700	3,600	31,000	31,400	33,200	3,100	3,300	3,400
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.6	7.4	6.2	6.3	7.0	7.7	8.3	8.4
Total Employment 2/	45,400	45,200	45,300	469,800	465,900	439,900	37,100	36,700	36,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,100	52,500	51,000	75,100	75,000	73,100	42,300	42,100	40,300
Total Unemployment	5,000	5,100	5,000	5,100	5,100	5,900	4,300	4,400	3,900
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.7	9.8	6.8	6.8	8.1	10.2	10.5	9.7
Total Employment 2/	47,100	47,400	46,000	70,000	69,900	67,200	38,000	37,700	36,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	87,200	86,200	84,300	67,900	67,900	67,700	7,720.8	7,702.6	7,433.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	5,000	5,500	4,200	4,400	4,700	637.1	656.9	545.3
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.8	6.5	6.2	6.5	6.9	8.3	8.5	7.3
Total Employment 2/	82,400	81,200	78,800	63,700	63,500	63,000	7,083.7	7,045.7	6,887.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1983±	June 1983	July 1982	July 1983±	June 1983	July 1982	July 1983±	June 1983	July 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$358.75	$361.97	$344.34	40.4	40.9	39.9	$8.88	$8.85	$8.63
Durable Goods	352.48	356.00	344.60	40.1	40.5	39.7	8.79	8.79	8.68
Lumber & Wood Products	238.23	242.14	238.58	38.8	39.5	40.3	6.14	6.13	5.92
Furniture & Fixtures	241.76	235.57	233.84	40.7	40.2	39.3	5.94	5.86	5.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	352.88	358.90	340.49	44.0	44.2	43.1	8.02	8.12	7.90
Primary Metal Industries	408.58	415.80	408.62	39.4	39.6	37.8	10.37	10.50	10.81
Fabricated Metal Products	346.72	346.63	341.73	39.4	39.3	39.1	8.80	8.82	8.74
Machinery, Exc. Electric	338.13	343.73	349.97	39.0	39.6	39.5	8.67	8.68	8.86
Oil Field Machinery	393.95	406.46	405.60	38.1	38.6	39.0	10.34	10.53	10.40
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	350.21	354.24	333.84	40.3	41.0	39.0	8.69	8.64	8.56
Transportation Equipment	493.16	490.23	438.62	41.9	41.9	40.5	11.77	11.70	10.83
Aircraft & Parts	494.32	499.65	461.42	41.4	42.2	42.1	11.94	11.84	10.96
Instr. & Related Products	305.28	306.91	291.75	38.4	38.8	38.9	7.95	7.91	7.50
Misc. Mfg. Industries	302.33	299.71	252.45	40.8	41.0	39.2	7.41	7.31	6.44
Nondurable Goods	367.61	371.01	343.71	40.8	41.5	40.2	9.01	8.94	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	318.37	310.99	306.13	41.4	41.3	42.4	7.69	7.53	7.22
Meat Products	294.10	283.08	297.20	42.5	42.0	43.9	6.92	6.74	6.77
Malt Beverages	688.02	672.25	665.22	46.3	45.3	46.1	14.86	14.84	14.43
Textile Mill Products	258.32	268.78	219.74	41.8	42.8	39.1	6.18	6.28	5.62
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	184.35	192.72	169.88	37.7	39.9	36.3	4.89	4.83	4.68
Paper & Allied Products	410.52	421.29	362.88	44.0	45.3	42.0	9.33	9.30	8.64
Printing & Publishing	329.11	328.25	300.61	39.7	39.5	38.1	8.29	8.31	7.89
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	574.86	577.58	548.68	42.3	42.5	42.5	13.59	13.59	12.91
Petroleum & Coal Products	588.39	602.30	565.92	42.3	43.3	43.2	13.91	13.91	13.10
Petroleum Refining	611.06	625.69	588.32	42.2	43.3	43.1	14.48	14.45	13.65
Leather & Leather Products	214.40	217.76	160.00	40.0	40.4	32.0	5.36	5.39	5.00
Other Nondurable Goods	354.87	365.91	305.60	41.7	42.4	40.0	8.51	8.63	7.64
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	464.38	465.21	456.59	43.4	43.6	44.2	10.70	10.67	10.33
Oil & Gas Extraction	467.42	468.26	457.76	43.4	43.6	44.1	10.77	10.74	10.38
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	379.74	371.51	413.03	43.9	43.3	46.2	8.65	8.58	8.94
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	398.86	393.22	380.84	38.8	38.4	40.3	10.28	10.24	9.45
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	417.25	418.05	405.00	41.6	42.1	42.1	10.03	9.93	9.62
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.30	234.88	229.64	35.0	34.9	34.9	6.78	6.73	6.58
Wholesale Trade	361.70	356.80	337.05	40.1	40.0	39.7	9.02	8.92	8.49
Retail Trade	188.76	186.87	185.56	33.0	32.9	32.9	5.72	5.68	5.64
General Mdse. Stores	166.09	166.59	158.11	29.5	30.4	30.7	5.63	5.48	5.15
Banking	240.41	239.73	223.50	37.8	37.4	37.5	6.36	6.41	5.96

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$358.63	$358.69	$329.91	40.8	40.9	39.7	$8.79	$8.77	$8.31
Durable Goods	377.80	377.30	347.93	41.2	41.1	39.9	9.17	9.18	8.72
Nondurable Goods	318.38	317.93	291.95	40.2	40.5	39.4	7.92	7.85	7.41
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	433.46	443.94	420.02	40.7	42.2	40.7	10.65	10.52	10.32
Durable Goods	390.74	401.14	383.67	40.2	41.1	39.8	9.72	9.76	9.64
Nondurable Goods	501.32	513.95	486.75	41.5	42.3	42.4	12.08	12.15	11.48
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	266.80	269.43	247.65	40.0	40.7	39.0	6.67	6.62	6.35
Durable Goods	287.15	290.88	273.88	40.5	40.4	40.1	7.09	7.20	6.83
Nondurable Goods	245.86	248.46	222.47	39.4	41.0	37.9	6.24	6.06	5.87

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

The oil and gas extraction portion of mining posted its second straight advance as activity began to pick up for domestic drillers. The industry is still well below year ago levels, but the recent gains do offer an encouraging sign for the petroleum industry. Construction was not as fortunate as it declined due to a number of job completions in the heavy construction category.

Manufacturing rose modestly due only to a sizeable advance in electric and electronic equipment. The rise in that industry accounted for 88 percent of the total gain in durable goods. The nondurable goods sector failed to post an increase. The rise in electric and electronic equipment was evident throughout the sector and was caused by improvement in the overall business climate for the industry. Elsewhere in durable goods the gains and losses were more modest. Stone, clay and glass climbed as demand for materials for residential construction remained high. Oil field machinery, a segment of nonelectrical machinery, continued to lose employment as it has for several months. Aircraft and parts, a portion of transportation equipment, experienced a business decline and an administrative housecleaning by one large firm which led to a reduction in employment.

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The nondurable goods sector of manufacturing plunged as a number of temporary layoffs caused employment in apparel and other finished textile products to plummet. The remainder of the nondurable goods industries sustained relatively minor gains or losses. The total number of manufacturing production workers advanced from 712,800 in June to 713,800 in July. The year-ago total was 754,900.

Agricultural employment in the State decreased from 190,850 in June to 184,950 in July. The July level was below the total for the same month last year. The Payment in Kind Program, which has taken a significant amount of crop land out of production, and a severe drought in West Texas were primarily responsible for the cutbacks.

EARNINGS ADVANCE SLIGHTLY, HOURS DECLINE

An average production worker in manufacturing earned $8.88 per hour over a 40.4 hour week in July. The average weekly earnings for the period were $358.75. During June the average hourly earnings were $8.85 and the average weekly hours worked were 40.9 for a weekly earnings total of $361.97.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1983	July 1982
Total Population	15,835,600	15,280,000
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.6%	2.1%
UI Covered Employers	291,571	280,664
Total Claims	636,450	660,618
Total Initial Claims Actions	73,022	86,516
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	563,428	574,102
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.76	$123.54
Total Amount Paid (Net)	$78,092,943	$53,271,069
Total Placements	44,205	40,238

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Labor Market Reviews

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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The Statewide actual unemployment rate dropped to its lowest point since December 1983 in August, when the unemployment rate for Texas was 7.6 percent. Total unemployment was down by 56,400 between July and August, with an estimated 580,700 jobless in August. Employment recorded a small decline over the month, dropping 5,200 to total 7,078,500 at mid-August. Much of the drop in both employment and unemployment can be attributed to the return of students to school for the fall semester. Unemployment drops as those young jobseekers who never found work withdraw from the labor market, and employment also declines as those jobs created especially for these young workers are deleted.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,578.0	113,980.0	111,887.0
Unemployment	10,411.0	10,707.0	10,710.0
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.4	9.6
Total Employment	103,167.0	103,273.0	101,177.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,262.0	111,875.0	110,614.0
Unemployment	10,699.0	10,590.0	10,931.0
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.5	9.9
Total Employment	101,563.0	101,285.0	99,683.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,659.2	7,720.8	7,415.0
Unemployment	580.7	637.1	521.5
Percent Unemployed	7.6	8.3	7.0
Total Employment	7,078.5	7,083.7	6,893.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,636.0	7,655.0	7,373.0
Unemployment	555.0	616.0	491.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	8.0	6.7
Total Employment	7,081.0	7,039.0	6,882.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas also dropped between July and August, and the 7.3 percent seasonally adjusted rate was the lowest recorded for Texas since November 1982. The U.S. actual unemployment rate in August was 9.2 percent, down slightly from 9.4 percent in July. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate remained at 9.5 percent between July and August.

The majority of the metropolitan areas in Texas also recorded sizeable declines in unemployment over the month. Only two areas showed small increases in unemployment in August. The lowest unemployment rate among the 26 metropolitan areas was reported for the Bryan-College Station MSA, with 3.6 percent; and the highest rate again occurred in the Laredo MSA, with 24.1 percent unemployment.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DROPS

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the State decreased by 48,200 between July and August, with more than 80 percent of the decline due to workers idled by a labor-management dispute in the communications industry. The majority of

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	59,900	59,600	59,200	77,700	78,100	74,300	262,600	264,600	257,100
Manufacturing	6,100	5,900	6,400	11,000	11,000	10,100	33,400	33,300	33,500
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,200	3,300	3,700	15,300	15,300	14,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,300	3,300	5,900	6,500	6,500	5,700	7,700	8,000
Trade	15,900	15,600	15,500	24,300	24,200	22,400	61,900	61,700	59,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,100	3,200	4,200	4,200	4,000	17,300	17,300	17,400
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,700	13,500	14,800	14,800	14,100	54,100	53,700	52,200
Government	9,100	9,300	8,700	12,300	12,100	11,200	74,100	74,800	71,600
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,800	143,600	146,200	58,100	57,800	62,400	41,900	41,800	42,100
Manufacturing	33,700	34,000	33,400	8,800	8,700	10,000	3,100	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,500	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,700
Construction	9,900	10,500	11,500	3,200	3,200	4,100	2,800	2,900	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	12,600	12,700	3,200	3,500	4,100	2,100	2,000	1,900
Trade	34,100	34,000	34,100	17,600	17,400	18,900	9,200	8,900	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,800	5,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,500	26,500	26,400	10,5[illegible]	10,300	10,500	6,100	6,000	5,800
Government	18,100	18,000	19,800	11,700	11,600	11,700	15,300	15,600	15,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,300	133,900	135,800	1,565.0	1,574.4	1,539.2	164,700	165,000	166,800
Manufacturing	15,100	15,100	15,500	311.0	312.5	312.9	38,600	38,200	37,600
Mining	9,000	8,900	9,500	33.2	33.2	33.1	--	--	--
Construction	12,000	12,100	12,800	87.5	87.2	88.5	7,900	7,900	8,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,300	7,300	8,000	88.6	99.5	97.9	9,800	10,500	10,800
Trade	33,300	33,100	33,500	429.5	427.8	417.2	39,900	39,900	41,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,500	6,600	6,500	122.3	121.9	118.7	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,300	24,100	25,000	320.6	320.0	300.9	27,500	27,600	27,300
Government	26,800	26,700	25,000	172.3	172.3	170.0	33,200	33,100	33,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	66,300	67,400	69,700	1,525.6	1,542.2	1,594.7	62,000	61,700	60,000
Manufacturing	10,400	11,000	11,600	224.7	225.0	254.8	8,700	8,400	8,200
Mining	800	800	800	105.5	105.4	107.4	--	--	--
Construction	4,700	4,800	4,600	132.5	136.3	146.7	3,700	3,500	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,000	6,500	6,500	97.8	107.4	111.0	3,100	3,300	3,100
Trade	13,200	13,100	13,400	365.7	366.8	379.1	13,800	13,800	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,400	4,400	4,600	103.1	103.5	101.7	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,600	10,600	10,700	326.2	327.4	326.4	11,300	11,400	11,100
Government	16,200	16,200	17,500	170.1	170.4	167.6	19,100	19,000	18,400

[2] In thousands.

the nonmanufacturing industry sectors showed moderate or small losses over the month, many of them seasonal in nature. The largest of these occurred in government, where state and local government both showed decreases due to the conclusion of the summer school semester. Summer programs sponsored by city, and state governments also ended in August, resulting in further job losses.

Services recorded downturns in employment, led by a decline in other services and miscellaneous, which includes civic, social, and fraternal organizations. This sector dropped considerably over the month, as summer activities wound down. Amusement, including motion pictures, also lost jobs as the end of summer approached. Educational services was the only service sector to report sizeable increases over the month, as initial recalls of workers began in preparation for the fall semester.

Construction activities were curtailed in August, as summer jobs for students were cut, and high interest rates and building costs continued to reduce activity. The lack of demand for domestic oil and gas continued to shrink employment in the mining sector. Aside from the large labor-management dispute in communication, the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	28,700	29,100	34,700	67,000	67,600	69,900	87,100	88,400	88,000
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,800	16,000	16,000	17,300	10,900	11,000	11,600
Mining	1,200	1,200	1,400	4,500	4,500	4,700	700	700	600
Construction	1,300	1,300	2,100	4,500	4,600	4,900	4,300	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,300	3,900	3,500	3,900	3,700	4,000	4,700	4,600
Trade	9,200	9,400	12,400	17,300	17,200	17,600	26,000	25,900	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,000
Services & Misc.	4,600	4,500	5,100	11,100	11,300	11,600	16,800	17,300	16,800
Government	6,200	6,200	6,500	7,200	7,200	7,300	19,200	19,300	19,100
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	73,600	73,700	76,400	52,100	52,300	52,700	54,600	55,200	59,200
Manufacturing	8,800	8,900	8,300	3,900	4,000	4,200	6,100	6,100	7,700
Mining	1,600	1,700	1,600	12,800	12,800	13,800	8,000	8,000	8,200
Construction	5,800	5,600	6,100	4,500	4,500	4,800	5,100	5,300	6,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,600	3,100	3,000	2,400	2,800	3,200
Trade	22,300	22,100	25,700	11,600	11,400	10,800	14,900	14,800	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,600	3,500	3,300	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,800	9,900	8,800	8,700	8,600	8,500	8,500	8,300
Government	19,800	19,800	18,900	4,300	4,300	4,200	7,200	7,300	6,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,400	35,500	36,500	428,800	431,800	415,600	33,500	33,500	34,200
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	6,100	49,400	49,300	49,400	11,000	11,000	10,900
Mining	700	700	900	3,500	3,400	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,300	29,300	29,200	27,800	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,900	15,200	19,100	18,400	2,200	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,900	8,800	8,600	114,800	113,200	108,300	7,100	7,100	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	30,000	30,100	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,300	94,100	94,300	90,000	5,700	5,600	6,000
Government	5,900	6,000	5,900	92,500	93,200	89,300	4,700	4,700	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,400	45,400	44,800	55,800	56,000	55,200	71,100	71,500	69,700
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,400	10,800	10,800	10,800	15,100	15,200	14,400
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,400	--	--	--
Construction	2,500	2,600	1,800	2,600	2,500	2,500	4,000	3,900	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,200	2,500	2,800	2,700	2,800	3,200	3,400
Trade	11,300	11,100	10,800	15,100	15,100	14,300	17,600	17,600	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,500	7,500	11,200	11,200	11,200	15,600	15,300	15,800
Government	12,300	12,200	12,300	7,300	7,300	7,200	11,500	11,700	11,000
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,100	52,800	53,200						
Manufacturing	9,100	8,900	9,300						
Mining	3,300	3,200	3,600						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,400	13,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,900						
Government	10,300	10,300	10,200						

[1/] Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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transportation, communication, and utilities group also sustained a fairly large loss in the water transportation segment of transportation except railroads.

On a brighter note, there were some employment increases in the nonmanufacturing sector. Wholesale and retail trade jobs rose by 7,700 in August, with all of the gain in the retail portion. The opening of a chain of new stores in the general merchandise sector and back-to-school hiring in apparel and accessory stores were major factors in the upswing. A notable increase also occurred in the eating and drinking places portion of other retail trade.

The finance, insurance, and real estate group had offsetting gains and losses among its sectors in August. Insurance carriers, agents, and brokers recorded an upturn

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATESƒ

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1983*	July 1983**	Aug. 1982**	Change From July 1983	Change From Aug. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,109,900	6,158,100	6,248,100	- 48,200	-138,200
Manufacturing	1,000,200	999,800	1,038,700	400	- 38,500
Durable Goods	579,500	580,200	616,000	- 700	- 36,500
Lumber & Wood Products	40,700	40,200	38,000	500	2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	15,800	15,200	400	1,000
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,700	48,200	44,900	500	3,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,900	23,000	21,200	- 100	1,700
Primary Metal Industries	38,900	38,200	43,100	700	- 4,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	85,100	85,100	94,800	0	- 9,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,700	44,900	49,200	- 200	- 4,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,300	139,300	163,400	0	- 24,100
Oil Field Machinery	44,100	44,200	63,700	- 100	- 19,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	98,100	101,000	101,500	- 2,900	- 3,400
Transportation Equipment	76,300	76,300	76,700	0	- 400
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	38,600	38,800	400	200
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	23,000	25,300	0	- 2,300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,200	13,100	13,100	100	100
Nondurable Goods	420,700	419,600	422,700	1,100	- 2,000
Food & Kindred Products	95,300	95,400	98,100	- 100	- 2,800
Meat Products	26,900	26,800	26,300	100	600
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Bakery Products	11,200	11,200	11,000	0	200
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	- 100
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,200	5,000	100	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,600	65,900	65,800	700	800
Paper & Allied Products	21,900	21,900	22,300	0	- 400
Printing & Publishing	68,000	67,700	67,400	300	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,200	35,200	34,700	0	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,900	80,100	82,600	- 200	- 2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,600	43,200	41,600	400	2,000
Petroleum Refining	40,900	40,500	38,900	400	2,000
Leather & Leather Products	9,000	9,000	9,500	0	- 500
Other Nondurable Goods	31,100	31,200	30,400	- 100	700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,109,700	5,158,300	5,209,400	- 48,600	- 99,700
Mining	289,400	290,400	309,800	- 1,000	- 20,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	280,100	281,000	299,500	- 900	- 19,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,300	9,400	10,300	- 100	- 1,000
Construction	392,900	394,900	429,000	- 2,000	- 36,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	338,200	379,700	387,800	- 41,500	- 49,600
Railroad Transportation	25,000	25,100	26,800	- 100	- 1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,900	181,200	185,200	- 1,300	- 5,300
Transportation by Air	37,200	37,100	36,200	100	1,000
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	52,600	92,400	95,800	- 39,800	- 43,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,700	81,000	80,000	- 300	700
Electric Services	45,400	45,400	43,800	0	1,600
Gas Production & Distribution	29,900	30,100	31,000	- 200	- 1,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,538,900	1,531,200	1,549,200	7,700	- 10,300
Wholesale Trade	427,800	427,800	445,200	0	- 17,400
Retail Trade	1,111,100	1,103,400	1,104,000	7,700	7,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,600	49,800	46,500	- 200	3,100
General Merchandise Stores	145,900	143,800	146,500	2,100	- 600
Food Stores	197,000	196,600	191,400	400	5,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	123,400	123,000	128,500	400	- 5,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,800	79,100	83,800	1,700	- 3,000
Other Retail Trade	514,400	511,100	507,300	3,300	7,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	375,000	375,000	368,000	0	7,000
Banking	101,000	102,000	100,700	- 1,000	300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,700	119,100	119,800	1,600	900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	153,300	153,900	147,500	- 600	5,800
Services	1,168,600	1,172,100	1,167,700	- 3,500	900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	67,800	67,600	70,900	200	- 3,100
Personal Services	74,400	74,600	73,300	- 200	1,100
Business & Repair Services	312,800	313,100	318,600	- 300	- 5,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	46,900	48,000	49,200	- 1,100	- 2,300
Health Services	331,100	330,900	325,700	200	5,400
Educational Services	52,800	51,800	48,500	1,000	4,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	282,800	286,100	281,500	- 3,300	1,300
Total Government	1,006,700	1,015,000	997,900	- 8,300	8,800
Total Federal Government	178,400	178,300	172,500	100	5,900
Total State Government	226,400	229,300	221,800	- 2,900	4,600
Total Local Government	601,900	607,400	603,600	- 5,500	- 1,700

ƒ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**	Aug.'83*	Jul.'83**	Aug.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	80,200	76,300	99,500	99,900	92,000	303,600	305,500	289,100
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,200	4,000	4,900	5,300	4,800	11,600	13,100	13,500
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.3	5.2	3.8	4.3	4.7
Total Employment 2/	75,900	76,000	72,300	94,600	94,600	87,200	292,000	292,400	275,600
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	182,000	184,900	183,700	88,000	88,100	85,400	50,600	51,000	50,400
Total Unemployment	24,300	26,300	21,100	13,200	14,500	9,400	1,800	2,000	2,800
Percent Unemployed	13.4	14.2	11.5	15.0	16.5	11.0	3.6	3.9	5.6
Total Employment 2/	157,700	158,600	162,600	74,800	73,600	76,000	48,800	49,000	47,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3/]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,500	176,400	166,000	1,793.3	1,798.7	1,718.6	195,600	198,500	192,300
Total Unemployment	19,300	20,700	12,200	87.6	97.0	101.9	21,100	24,400	21,400
Percent Unemployed	11.0	11.7	7.3	4.9	5.4	5.9	10.8	12.3	11.1
Total Employment 2/	156,200	155,700	153,800	1,705.7	1,701.7	1,616.7	174,500	174,100	170,900
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3/]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	90,500	91,900	90,600	1,800.2	1,824.3	1,773.0	74,500	74,400	70,100
Total Unemployment	10,800	11,400	9,800	162.0	178.3	121.9	3,800	4,100	4,000
Percent Unemployed	11.9	12.4	10.8	9.0	9.8	6.9	5.1	5.5	5.7
Total Employment 2/	79,700	80,500	80,800	1,638.2	1,646.0	1,651.1	70,700	70,300	66,100
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	39,900	40,900	41,000	81,200	82,000	80,500	109,600	110,600	105,400
Total Unemployment	9,600	10,700	5,900	8,900	9,700	8,000	6,800	7,900	5,600
Percent Unemployed	24.1	26.2	14.4	11.0	11.8	9.9	6.2	7.1	5.3
Total Employment 2/	30,300	30,200	35,100	72,300	72,300	72,500	102,800	102,700	99,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	112,100	111,100	105,200	67,800	68,000	64,700	73,600	74,300	74,700
Total Unemployment	23,700	23,300	16,800	3,900	4,200	3,300	6,500	7,100	4,500
Percent Unemployed	21.1	21.0	16.0	5.8	6.2	5.1	8.8	9.6	6.0
Total Employment 2/	88,400	87,800	88,400	63,900	63,800	61,400	67,100	67,200	70,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,800	48,000	47,500	499,200	500,300	469,300	39,700	40,200	40,700
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,600	2,400	28,600	31,000	30,100	2,700	3,100	4,200
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.8	7.7	10.3
Total Employment 2/	45,400	45,400	45,100	470,600	469,300	439,200	37,000	37,100	36,500
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	52,300	50,600	74,500	75,100	72,000	41,300	42,300	40,200
Total Unemployment	4,500	5,100	4,700	4,500	5,100	4,800	3,900	4,300	3,600
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.8	9.3	6.0	6.8	6.7	9.4	10.2	9.0
Total Employment 2/	46,900	47,200	45,900	70,000	70,000	67,200	37,400	38,000	36,600
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS[3/]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	86,700	87,200	83,700	67,900	68,000	66,300	7,659.2	7,720.8	7,415.0
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,800	4,700	3,900	4,200	4,000	580.7	637.1	521.5
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.7	6.2	6.0	7.6	8.3	7.0
Total Employment 2/	82,400	82,400	79,000	64,000	63,800	62,300	7,078.5	7,083.7	6,893.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1983±	Jul. 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983±	Jul. 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983±	Jul. 1983	Aug. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$361.42	$360.37	$340.56	40.7	40.4	39.6	$8.88	$8.92	$8.60
Durable Goods	352.96	354.40	341.20	40.2	40.0	39.4	8.78	8.86	8.66
Lumber & Wood Products	242.58	240.79	230.50	39.0	38.9	39.2	6.22	6.19	5.88
Furniture & Fixtures	262.84	241.16	246.79	44.7	40.6	41.2	5.88	5.94	5.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	351.42	356.77	339.04	43.6	44.1	42.7	8.06	8.09	7.94
Primary Metal Industries	391.02	417.64	380.46	38.0	39.7	36.2	10.29	10.52	10.51
Fabricated Metal Products	351.92	345.45	341.54	39.9	39.3	38.9	8.82	8.79	8.78
Machinery, Exc. Electric	343.48	339.50	337.46	39.3	38.8	38.7	8.74	8.75	8.72
Oil Field Machinery	397.38	391.13	390.47	38.1	37.5	37.8	10.43	10.43	10.33
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	349.92	353.23	354.55	39.9	39.6	40.8	8.77	8.92	8.69
Transportation Equipment	475.32	492.66	445.26	40.8	42.0	40.7	11.65	11.73	10.94
Aircraft & Parts	501.18	495.10	472.91	41.8	41.5	42.3	11.99	11.93	11.18
Instr. & Related Products	309.21	303.36	288.03	38.7	38.4	38.2	7.99	7.90	7.54
Misc. Mfg. Industries	313.02	308.10	251.14	42.3	41.3	38.4	7.40	7.46	6.54
Nondurable Goods	373.43	369.41	339.15	41.4	41.0	39.9	9.02	9.01	8.50
Food & Kindred Products	322.76	317.48	294.06	41.7	41.5	41.3	7.74	7.65	7.12
Meat Products	275.67	284.08	291.02	40.9	42.4	42.3	6.74	6.70	6.88
Malt Beverages	738.02	740.11	595.30	48.3	48.5	43.2	15.28	15.26	13.78
Textile Mill Products	265.68	258.54	241.40	43.2	41.7	42.5	6.15	6.20	5.68
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	186.14	184.19	172.12	38.3	37.9	36.7	4.86	4.86	4.69
Paper & Allied Products	414.25	419.24	368.26	44.4	44.6	41.8	9.33	9.40	8.81
Printing & Publishing	348.09	332.80	300.47	41.0	40.0	37.7	8.49	8.32	7.97
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	582.71	578.93	539.70	43.1	42.6	42.0	13.52	13.59	12.85
Petroleum & Coal Products	581.40	593.84	557.21	42.1	42.6	42.6	13.81	13.94	13.08
Petroleum Refining	604.14	615.83	578.76	42.1	42.5	42.4	14.35	14.49	13.65
Leather & Leather Products	215.90	216.28	175.04	38.9	38.9	34.8	5.55	5.56	5.03
Other Nondurable Goods	372.34	355.28	301.43	42.7	41.7	39.3	8.72	8.52	7.67
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	465.84	470.80	454.08	43.7	44.0	44.3	10.66	10.70	10.25
Oil & Gas Extraction	468.26	472.80	456.29	43.6	43.9	44.3	10.74	10.77	10.30
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	375.53	385.69	397.25	44.6	44.9	45.4	8.42	8.59	8.75
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	367.10	405.33	390.44	38.4	39.2	39.8	9.56	10.34	9.81
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	415.71	416.66	395.35	41.2	41.5	40.8	10.09	10.04	9.69
Wholesale & Retail Trade	234.93	236.27	229.05	34.6	34.9	34.6	6.79	6.77	6.62
Wholesale Trade	358.90	362.50	334.96	40.1	40.1	39.5	8.95	9.04	8.48
Retail Trade	186.88	187.20	186.15	32.5	32.9	32.6	5.75	5.69	5.71
General Mdse. Stores	165.20	166.80	157.34	29.5	30.0	30.2	5.60	5.56	5.21
Banking	239.78	242.52	224.35	38.0	37.6	36.9	6.31	6.45	6.08

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$363.67	$361.97	$332.77	41.0	40.9	39.9	$8.87	$8.85	$8.34
Durable Goods	378.10	381.00	351.68	40.7	41.1	40.1	9.29	9.27	8.77
Nondurable Goods	329.93	320.76	291.91	41.5	40.5	39.5	7.95	7.92	7.39
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	442.32	440.49	408.80	41.3	40.9	40.0	10.71	10.77	10.22
Durable Goods	396.32	393.96	370.50	40.9	40.2	39.0	9.69	9.80	9.50
Nondurable Goods	515.76	515.30	477.47	42.0	42.1	41.7	12.28	12.24	11.45
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	274.73	266.13	248.92	40.7	39.9	39.7	6.75	6.67	6.27
Durable Goods	300.12	286.44	269.47	41.0	40.4	40.1	7.32	7.09	6.72
Nondurable Goods	249.27	245.86	229.12	40.4	39.4	39.3	6.17	6.24	5.83

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

of 1,600 jobs, but equal losses in banking and other finance, insurance, and real estate negated this growth.

Manufacturing as a whole rose by only 400 jobs over the month, as increases in the nondurable goods portion were almost nullified by losses in durable goods. Almost every segment of nondurable goods showed some growth in August, for a total increase of 1,100 jobs over the month. The largest gain occurred in apparel and other finished textile products, in the men's and boys' suits, coats, and furnishings, and in the women's and misses' outerwear and women's and children's undergarments portions.

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Several small increases in the petroleum refining category were responsible for the moderate rise in petroleum and coal products. Printing and publishing also recorded a small over-the-month gain. The meat portion showed the only growth in food and kindred products. Small decreases were also noted in chemicals and allied products in August.

Within durable goods, the largest loss was recorded in electric and electronic equipment, as a labor-management dispute idled some workers. An increase in orders placed created new jobs in primary metal industries and, to a lesser degree, in furniture and fixtures. Stone, clay, and glass products benefitted from workers returning to work after a layoff. Increased consumer demand generated additional jobs in lumber and wood products. The total number of production workers declined slightly from 709,600 in July to 709,500 in August. A year ago, production workers totaled 747,300 in Texas.

Agricultural employment in Texas totaled 181,985 in August 1983, down slightly from the August 1982 total of 184,965. The decrease is due largely to the Payment In Kind Program and to the severe drought in parts of West Texas.

HOURS UP, EARNINGS DOWN

Although average hourly earnings in manufacturing dropped by four cents between July and August, an increase of .3 hours in the average hours worked brought average weekly earnings up $1.05 between July and August. An average production worker in Texas was making $8.88 an hour in August, and worked 40.7 hours per week, for an average weeky earnings total of $361.42. In durable goods, increased overtime was responsible for a rise in average hours worked while the assignment of more work to lower-paid employees caused a drop in hourly earnings. More overtime also generated the increase in hours worked in nondurable goods, and hourly earnings were also up in this sector.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,881,900	15,326,300
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3%	1.9%
UI Covered Employers	292,926	281,612
Total Claims Actions	644,954	652,423
Total Initial Claims Actions	70,183	83,407
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	574,771	569,016
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.38	$124.88
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$78,168,009	$59,248,600
Total Placements	46,614	38,007

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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